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CANTON WITHDRAWALS.

Gen. Li Fook-lum Taking Troops From City.

REFUGEES IN LARGE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE HERE.

Canton's exodus of refugees to Hong Kong reached a climax during the week-end in spite of the fact that the authorities have restored order and are adding to the number of Communists arrested since last week's crisis.

Fears are entertained, not so much of a repetition of the Red horrors, as of an imminent clash between opposing political factions which only a few days ago appeared likely to be reconciled against a common foe—the Communists.

Hopes of peace between the Ironsides and the Kwangsi military faction have been dashed to the ground by hostilities breaking out on the West River. Adding complexity to the situation is the withdrawal of troops from the city by General Li Fook-lum—the man of the hour—leading one to surmise whether he has quarrelled with the Ironsides or is merely ensuring the highest degree of protection for his own area.

Red plots have been detected at Honam and are referred to elsewhere on this page.

"REDS" IN HONAM.

For once the war lords are bending to public opinion.

Although they still control the city and important parts of Kwangtung provinces, the Ironside leaders have consented to their own "dismissal."

General Wong Ki-cheung, second-in-command of the Ironsides, in a proclamation issued yesterday, has handed over command of the 4th Nationalist Army to a Lt.-General who is believed to be friendly towards the Kwangsi faction.

Ironsides to Retire?

Another Lt.-General who joined the Ironsides last month is also promoted.

The foregoing incidents are taken to indicate the beginning of the Ironsides' leaders' retreat from politics.

Partly because of the tide but particularly because passengers had swarmed the boats at an early hour, the river steamers left Canton much earlier than usual yesterday.

Tension Increased.

Developments hinge on the attitude of General Li Fook-lum. The "China Mail" political correspondent understands that he will remain "neutral" until a stronger government is set up in Canton.

A rumour was heard in Canton yesterday that the military had ordered the arrest of Mr. Chan Kung-pok, one of the Leftist politicians and the only civilian member of the War Council who has been dismissed. The rumour has not been confirmed but it was one of the main causes of the panic prevailing during the week-end.

WAR EXPLAINED.

Distances Between Wuchow and Canton.

Hostilities have actually broken out on the West River where the Kwangsi military faction—overthrown by the Ironsides last month—are marching down to make another bid for Canton.

That fighting has been in progress is confirmed by two correspondents of the "China Mail" whose reports follow. The opening honours are with the Kwangsi faction and the Ironsides, in addition to losing some ground, are minus an armed launch which was the victim of a collision.

Wuchow is about 200 miles west of Canton. For future reference the following table may be handy.

Distances down the West River—miles	
Wuchow to Kungshui	11
Kungshui to Fungchuen	2
Fungchuen to Dosing	14
Wuchow to Dosing	27
Dosing to Tachung	16
Wuchow to Tachung	43
Tachung to Yuetung	22
Yuetung to Lukpo	12
Lukpo to Shihing	17
Wuchow to Shihing	63
Shihing to Samshui	28
Wuchow to Samshui	121

From Samshui to Canton by railway is 39 miles. By water there are several routes, a roundabout one being 98 miles long. A military force would, however, have to travel about 200 miles to get from Wuchow to Canton, or vice versa.

ON THE WEST RIVER.

"Taming" Has Narrow Escape.

STEAMER UNDER FIRE.

Preventing "Reds" Reaching Wuchow From Canton.

West River, Dec. 17. The Captain, Chief Engineer and an Indian (anti-piracy) guard of the British s.s. "Taming" had a narrow escape at 3 a.m. on Dec. 16 when approaching Dosing, upward bound, from shots from the banks of the West River.

Hostilities had broken out between the Kwangsi troops and the Ironsides.

The "Taming" was met by a volley and immediately turned back out of the firing zone. Shots were heard till half an hour later.

Keeping Out the Reds!

At daylight, three steamers passed the "Taming" down-river and, as the firing had ceased, the "Taming" proceeded. At Dosing she was fired on again.

A company of Kwangsi soldiers could be seen on the crest of a hill about 300 feet high, which runs from the outskirts of the town down to the river bank.

As ships had been allowed to go down-river and the "Taming" was going up, it became apparent that the Kwangsi authorities desired to examine up-bound craft to make sure that no Reds got up to Wuchow from Canton.

Marks on the Bridge. That the soldiers' "meant business" was evident from their shots being directed at the navigating bridge and officers' quarters.

Shots passed dangerously near where the Captain, Chief Engineer and the guard happened to be. They took shelter until out of the area where the "rat-tat-tat" could be heard incessantly when it was found that three rounds had struck the armoured bridge about waist-high and two the deck below. Wood partitions of rooms were splintered by shots which passed right through.

"War News" Wanted.

On arrival at Dosing, the "Taming" found that the well-known Anti-Smuggling Bureau which the Kwangsi authorities had instituted and had caused to become a nuisance was back at work again but no official of any standing had ventured back to the port yet.

When the "Taming" reached Chicken Basket Island which is outside Wuchow, two Kwangsi armed launches went alongside. Their duty was to find out from the British merchantman "war news" from Dosing.

When the officers in charge had gathered that the Kwangsi men had won and that there were no more pro-Canton craft at Dosing, they thanked the "Taming" and promised to obtain redress for the shooting outrage.—Our own correspondent.

three regiments has considerably strengthened the defence forces of Kwangsi province and has increased confidence in the Government.

Attack on Dosing.

A note of optimism prevails. There is now no longer any talk of the Ironsides invading Kwangsi, but rather of the Kwangsi units will again be masters of Canton.

The offensive is now on, and is being pushed with vigour by General Wong Shiu-hung himself.

Dosing is being attacked on three sides, and as soon as this place is taken, the soldiers will be sent down the West River to retaken Tachung and Shihing.

Before long, they will be approaching Samshui and the railway, which will mean that they will be knocking at the door of Canton itself.

City En Fete.

Yesterday a monster welcome was accorded General Wong Shiu-hung. The city was festooned with flags and scrolls in honour of the leader's return. At noon nearly ten thousand people assembled on the public recreation ground and took part in a prepared programme.

Unfortunately, due to pressure of official duties, General Wong Shiu-hung was not able to be present in person, but was represented by a staff officer, who addressed the assembly.

Police Search for Reds. The Police Department has conducted another search of the

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BARS OF GOLD.

"Almost a Case of Piracy."

LAUNCH HELD UP.

Story Of Daring Robbery In Harbour Limits.

Before His Honour, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Puisne Judge, this morning, Tsai Pu, with others, not in custody, was charged with the robbery of Ts.600 in gold bars, and other money and property from the steam launch of the Wo Fat Shing Company on October 12. The alleged offence occurred in the Harbour.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted and Mr. H. S. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. Hugh-Jones, appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Whyte-Smith said it might almost be termed a case of piracy. The Wo Fat Shing company was a firm in Wing Lok Street which ex-

FRESH AND FAIR.

Northerly winds, fresh; fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone over China has strengthened considerably. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the Northern portion of the North China Sea.

ported: gold bars to Annam, and possessed its own launch which took the bars to the ships carrying them from the Colony. On October 12 at about 6.40 p.m. Ts.600 worth of gold bars were put aboard the launch which was then lying near the Canton wharf. The launch was intended for the Norwegian ship "Prominent," lying in the harbour. The gold was in bars, which were enclosed in wooden boxes, the whole being enclosed in a big tin box. It was taken aboard the launch by foks.

Crew's Composition.

It was important to note, said Mr. Whyte-Smith, the personnel of the crew. There was the coxswain, Wan Yee, a seaman, Ah King, a fireman, Ah Ai, a boy Sai Lo and a substitute engineer, Ah Wing. It was important because the fireman and substitute engineer subsequently became robbers.

When they were all aboard the launch, the crew was driven below by the robbers and searched. Prisoner was the chief searcher. After a while those below heard, as they would tell the jury, noises on deck as if boxes were being broken open. After the robbers had departed they released themselves and found that the launch had gone ashore just past the Ming Yuen gardens.

Prisoner was arrested just before leaving for Canton. Banknotes were found in his stockings and a gold bar in one of his shoes. The case is proceeding.

NO NEWS.

LOCAL PRESS RESTRICTIONS BY POLICE.

When a newspaper representative visited the Central Police Station at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday night for late information for publication in our Contemporary, the "Sunday Herald" he was at first informed that there was "nothing doing" but later, in the course of further conversation, was told that no information could be given.

This attitude on the part of officialdom, it is understood, is the result of an allegedly erroneous report appearing in a contemporary concerning the sending back of some "Red" refugees from Hong Kong to Canton. A communication from the Hon. Capt. Superintendent of Police which appears, in part, in this morning's issue of another local paper may help to confirm the above.

It is also understood that the Hon. Capt. Superintendent of Police has ruled that only three individuals may in future give information to the Press, these being Mr. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, Chief Inspector Kent, and Detective Chief Inspector Reynolds. Any police officer disregarding this order is subject, we are told, to instant dismissal.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 7/16.

REDS IN HONAM.

Outbreak During the Week-end.

MARTIAL LAW.

Troops Return From Communist Drive In Canton.

Honam has come under the attention of the Canton Reds, two buildings having been put on fire during the week-end.

Very strict martial law was observed in Honam during the week-end, boats not being allowed to cross the River to or from Canton city.

The authorities—under General Li Fook-lum whose army is known as the Papersides—are probably right in thinking that plotting is confined to extremist students and labour unionists in Honam who sympathise with the Reds.

Rumours were current that Red agents were going to single out premises which would be set ablaze. True enough, the occupants of many houses woke up one morning last week to find large rings painted on their walls, either in red or white.

Threat to the General.

Nobody has been able to explain the difference in colours.

However, the tension was increased on Saturday and then two houses, widely separated, were set on fire. But no Communist army stood by to keep the fire-fighters off. And the incendiary agents seem to have only done their work half-heartedly, if only to cause a scare.

Observers formed the opinion that the Communists' real object was to threaten General Li Fook-lum into desisting from giving help to the terrible campaign of vengeance on the Reds in Canton.

Troops Standing By.

Honam, as is generally known, is on the south side of Canton harbour, facing the city proper. For years it has been governed by General Li Fook-lum, commander of the 5th Nationalist Army.

When the Ironsides overthrew the Kwangsi faction last month he—as he has done on many occasions—sided with the winners. And it was due mainly to his efforts that an expedition was fitted out last Tuesday to counter-attack the Reds who had obtained possession of Canton for two and a half days.

Later.

Martial law prevails in Honam. Police and soldiers are raiding suspected quarters; and troops in full marching order are standing by. Firemen are on constant duty.

All the units which General Li Fook-lum took to take part in the anti-Red drive in Canton last week are now back at Honam.

NOT RELAXED.

Canton Authorities Pursuit of the Reds.

The Canton authorities have not relaxed in their pursuit of the Communists.

More captures were effected during the week-end, but these were confined to members of extremist labour unions and former jailbirds who escaped when the prisons were stormed.

Many more men have been shot. In Honam, men who were rounded up in the attempts at arson were shot immediately in the streets.

Raid on Consulate.

The news that the Russian Vice-Consul was killed last week has been confirmed. His name is given as Hassiz. He was one of the five who met their deaths shortly after the Communists were overcome.

It is also confirmed that the Soviet Consul-General is in custody. A very large quantity of literature was seized in the raid on the Consulate.

CONSUL'S ADVICE.

British Subjects to Go Into Shameen.

Canton, Yesterday. A feeling of tension still exists, the Chinese being very uneasy as the result of widely circulated rumours to the effect that the Canton military leaders are at loggerheads.

It is felt, too, that the "Reds" are not entirely to be disregarded as a factor in the new situation, and further attempts to secure control of the city would not come as a surprise.

The weather Chinese are ap-

A KOWLOON CRIME.

Daughter Whose Throat Was Cut.

FATHER CHARGED.

Pig's Heart And Medicine For High Fever.

The Chinese who was committed for trial on a charge of murdering his 16-year old daughter at Kowloon duly appeared before His Honour the Chief Justice and jury at the Criminal Sessions in the Supreme Court this morning. He pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy appeared for the Crown, and Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. F. E. Losby, defended.

Prisoner was accused of having cut the girl's throat with a razor, afterwards attempting to commit suicide in a like manner. The girl died as a result of her wounds.

This morning medical evidence was given by Dr. J. E. Dovey, in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary, who examined the girl and found a deep cut in the throat. There were indications that the cut had been inflicted by someone else, and it could have been caused by the razor produced in court, which was found near the scene of the alleged crime.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that the girl's condition indicated that she had had high fever, which might have caused her to become delirious. From the appearance of the cut in her throat the injury might have been caused by someone else or might have been self-inflicted. He thought, however, it looked as if it was inflicted by another person.

Not a Magician. A Chinese who lived in the lower part of the house said he had known prisoner seven years. When the girl was ill witness went for the doctor, but did not stay with them after doing so. Later that night he saw prisoner and his daughter. Prisoner sent his wife down to witness, and he went up and stayed about an hour. He saw prisoner carrying his daughter, and he appeared to be very frightened.

Cross-examined, witness agreed he went up to see prisoner and his wife on the night of September 22 but did not know how long he stayed. He denied he told the prisoner's wife he was a magician or that he said he could cure the daughter if left to his care. He also denied he recommended prisoner to give the daughter some pig's heart mixed with medicine.

Great Heat. Wong Ching-pak, doctor of Chinese medicine, of Wellington Street, said he was a classmate of the prisoner whom he had known since childhood. Witness had attended prisoner's daughter, being fetched by the last witness. It was on September 19 that he first (Wong) went to the house at 38, Canton Road, and again on September 22. The daughter was seriously ill, suffering from "great heat" (high fever). Prisoner seemed very much afraid of something and cried, and asked whether she would die.

The case is proceeding.

prehesive to the extent that they are taking all their valuables to Shameen.

Meanwhile the British Consul-General has advised all British subjects in the vicinity of Canton to take refuge in Shameen until the situation is more satisfactory.—British Naval Wireless.

GEN. LI FOOK-LUM.

His Proclamation From Canton.

Following is the proclamation which has been issued by General Li Fook-lum to the foreign Press:

While the troops are defending the boundaries, Canton is in lack of protection. Taking advantage of this, the Communists attacked the Public Welfare Department and various Police Stations and other departments.

They established the Soviet Government and ransacked the whole city, setting fire to business estates and cruelly killing inhabitants. This lasted for two days and nights. Luckily the troops gathered again in time and earnestly set to work to destroy them.

I, Fook-lum, taking my troops and the Fourth Army and the newly enlisted Second and Third Divisions, crossed the river and fought against the Communists, and in the shortest period they were completely destroyed. But viewing the city of Canton which is now turning to ruins with dead and wounded all over the districts, I could not help from mourning. Judging the remote

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NORTHERN CAPTURE.

Kuschek Taken From Nationalists.

WHERE IS WANG?

Inference That Pro-Fengtien Troops Have Advanced.

Nanking, Yesterday. The Northern (pro-Fengtien) Army is reported to have captured Kuschek from the Nationalists, the place being on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, about 100 miles north-west of Pukow.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The Nationalists had advanced to over 200 miles from Pukow. If it is confirmed that they have now lost a town only 100 miles from Pukow, it means that they have been driven back considerably but there is no news to this effect.]

Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Shanghai, Yesterday. It is rumoured that Mr. Wang Ching-wei has left Shanghai but the news requires confirmation.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Mr. Wang is the head of the Leftist faction of Nationalist politicians which is also known as the Canton group. He has fallen into disfavour through alleged intrigue and has been accused of complicity in the Red coup at Canton.]

Luxury Tax In Peking.

Peking, Dec. 12. The Revenue Office of the Finance Ministry has sent notifications to foreign business firms in the city, stating that the Luxury Tax will be levied on them from December 1.

The Japanese Commerce and Industry Association yesterday held a general meeting and passed a resolution against the imposition of the Luxury Tax. Representatives of the Organisation today called at the Japanese Legation and, presenting the resolution, asked the Japanese authorities to negotiate with the Chinese authorities for its abolition.—Toho.

SUICIDE MANIA.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BY CHINESE WOMEN.

GALLANT SAMPAN OWNER.

Two Chinese women attempted to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour from ferry launches. They were both rescued and taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of immersion.

In the first instance, a woman jumped from the launch "Man Yee" whilst it was on a trip from Hong Kong to Yumatti. She was observed by the master of a passing sampan, who jumped in after her and kept her afloat until both were pulled into the sampan, which brought the woman to Hong Kong, where the Police took charge of her and had her removed to the hospital.

The second would-be suicide jumped off the launch "Man Tat" whilst the vessel was bound to Hong Kong from Shamshipo. She was rescued by members of the "Man Tat's" crew and handed over to the Police on arrival in Hong Kong.

CHRISTIE CASE.

APPEARANCE ON FRESH CHARGE.

BLUHM NOT IN COURT.

James Christie was this morning formally charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy with criminal conspiracy to defraud, and remanded for a date to be fixed for the hearing of the case.

The new charge followed Christie's discharge, in company with Christopher Blum on Saturday on the charge of undertaking to procure and supply morphia, Mr. R. B. Lindell, the presiding Magistrate deciding that there was no genuine offer to provide morphia which was used by the accused purely as a blind in the hope of obtaining money from the prospective buyer who in this case turned out to be a Chinese Police Reservist named Au Yeung.

Blum, who is to appear before Mr. Lindell to-morrow morning to answer a charge of being in the Colony without a passport, was not charged with Christie this morning.

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" 20	6.58	5.43
" 21	6.58	5.44
" 22	6.59	5.44
" 23	6.59	5.44
" 24	7.00	5.45
" 25	7.00	5.45
" 26	7.01	5.45
" 27	7.01	5.47
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" 30	7.02	5.48
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G. Wragge, Mr. and Mrs. J. H.
Wilson.

"CELTIC FRINGE."

WHAT KILLED THE NEW PRAYER BOOK.

HOME OPINION.

London, Saturday.

The morning papers betray con-
flicting emotions with regard to
the rejection of the new Prayer
Book.

The "Morning Post" thinks that
the dangers ahead are less than
if the Book had been accepted.
The "Daily Telegraph" refers
to the astonishing resurgence of
deeply ingrained Protestantism.

The "Westminster Gazette" calls
the rejection a layman's victory
at the expense of the Bishops.

The "Daily News" discovers
that the Book was killed by the
"Celtic fringe," namely, the Scot-
tish, Irish and Welsh Commoners,
whereas the purely English vote
gave a majority of 24 in favour
of the new Book.

The "Daily Chronicle" says
that a great deal of opposition
came from non-Churchmen, for
instance, Mr. Saklatvala, the
Parsee; therefore it is of the
opinion that disestablishment has
taken a very long stride forward.

The "Manchester Guardian"
says that nothing is more unlik-
ely than that Parliament's decision
would be reversed by an appeal to
the constituencies and considers
that wise churchmen will now do
well to turn their minds in the
direction of disestablishment.—
Reuter.

GERMAN INDUSTRY.

STEEL ARBITRATION REJECTED.

Dusseldorf, Yesterday.

The Rhenish and Westphalian
iron and steel industrialists have
rejected the award of the official
arbitrator.—Reuter.

[A telegram dated Berlin, De-
cember 15, stated: The decision of
the official arbitrator in the iron
and steel industrial dispute insists
upon the introduction of an eight-
hour day and three shifts at the
Thomas Steelworks by January 1,
but provisionally grants exceptions
in other kinds of steel works,
which, however, must introduce an
eight-hour day during the course of
1928. The arbitrator declared that
an all-round wage increase is im-
practicable since an eight-hour day
will further burden the industry.
He considers that a 2 per cent. in-
crease in existing wages will be
appropriate.]

UNCLAIMED MAIL.

LETTERS AND PARCELS AT THE POST OFFICE.

Dr. E. A. Aylward, G. Alie, E.
Bruner, Mr. Jack Blake, Y. Costan,
A. G. Corbin (Master Mariner),
Mr. and Mrs. F. Chubb, G. P. Das-
wani, Mr. E. J. Douglas, Colonel H.
S. Elliot, H. M. Epstein, B. Grimm
& Co., H. Goodhart, R. H. Garstin,
R. H. Hawkins, E. High (Signal-
ler), R. F. Lazarus, J. L. Lyman,
Mrs. H. Vander Linde (Salvation
Army), Maurice Littleboy, Mr. and
Mrs. R. Lang, Colvin Lee, Madame
S. Masalekaja, W. M. Muench, H.
R. Meyer, Mrs. M. Moffatt, Mrs. J.
McDonald, Mrs. Helen Duff Coch-
rane, Nicholson, M. M. Ramos, R.
Sdraffa, W. Shakespeare, Miss E.
Stieglitz, Charles Trimm, R. Thom-
son, Mr. B. E. A. Van, Mrs. W. G.
Worcester, W. C. Watson.

Unpaid Correspondence.
C. Elkus (H.K. Hotel), W. S.
Leonard (H.K. Hotel).

Registered Articles.
J. De C. Aldegner, Mrs. Hobart
Allan, R. Blum, M. L. Brodie (a.s.
"Armanestan"), A. E. Chapman,
(c/o Am. Consulate), C. C. Deacon,
Mrs. M. B. Draper (c/o Am. Con-
sulate), H. F. Gresham (H.K.
Hotel), Mrs. M. Katzing, Kwok
Su, Northern S.S. Co., S. W. K.
Popper.

(1 Ins. Letter) F. Russo.
Miss Leung Chi-ying.

Undelivered Radio Telegrams.
Widgeon, Hong Kong from Port-
land Ore; Yung Wo-sang, Hong
Kong from a.s. "Sunning"; Foo
Kon-yuen, Hong Kong from Amoy;
Oncha, Hong Kong from "Empress
of Asia"; Wing Shing, Hong Kong
from Batavia; Anchoyille, Hong
Kong from Balikpapan; Pangshing-
tai, Hong Kong from Kwong Cho-
wan; Kananglako, Hong Kong from
Saigon; Trustu, Hong Kong from
Seattle; Washington; Tanglong,
Hong Kong from Bangkok; Wapa-
cut, Hong Kong from Bangkok;
Towerloom, Hong Kong from Rot-
terdam; Peng Loong Chiang, Hong
Kong from Bangkok; Honour, Hong
Kong from Medan; Honour, Hong
Kong from Batavia; Link Look,
Hong Kong from Chicago; Yarrow,
Hong Kong from Manila; Tang
Long, Hong Kong from Bangkok;
Allan Chief Isaman, "Pres. Pierce";
Hong Kong from San Francisco;
Kwiceuk, Hong Kong from Lake-
worth; Yatsinoda, Hong Kong from
Cheribon.

Mrs. Franklin, with a son and
daughter who have been in England
for some years, are back on Cheung
Chau Island, Hong Kong. Dr. and
Mrs. Wright, Dr. and Mrs. Dickson
also visited the Island.

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DRAMA IN COURT.

CHRISTIE DISCHARGED AND RE-ARRESTED.

NO MORPHIA.

The alleged morphia "deal"
case against James Christie and
Christopher Blum, had a rather
dramatic and unexpected ending
at the Central Magistracy at noon
on Saturday when the Magistrate,
(Mr. R. E. Lindsell) decided that
the charge could not be sustained,
and the accused were discharged,
only to be re-arrested on a charge
of criminal conspiracy to defraud.

It was originally fixed for Mr.
Lindsell to sit at 11.30 in the
morning when Mr. J. A. Gordon
Leask, for the defence, was to
have addressed his Worship. When
Mr. Gordon Leask arrived in
Court, he and Mr. T. H. King,
Director of Criminal Investiga-
tion, were observed to enter Mr.
Lindsell's chamber where an in-
terview with the Magistrate last-
ed until noon, when Mr. Lindsell
took his seat in Court.

Believed First Witness.
Immediately Mr. Lindsell en-
tered the Court, he addressed Mr.
Gordon Leask and said that as in-
dicated in Chambers, his Worship
had gone into the evidence for
the prosecution coupled with that
for the defence, and after giving
it careful consideration, although
he believed the evidence of the
first witness for the prosecution
(the Chinese police reservist, Au
Yeung), he had come to the con-
clusion that there was no genuine
offer to provide morphia and
therefore no charge under the
Drug Ordinance could hold water.
The morphia, Mr. Lindsell con-
cluded, was purely a blind used
by the accused to obtain money
from the prospective Chinese buy-
er. Therefore, his Worship sug-
gested that the charge be substi-
tuted by one of criminal con-
spiracy to defraud.

The charge under the Drug
Ordinance, his Worship proceed-
ed, could be amended and the case
proceeded with on the evidence
already given, or the defence
could obtain a discharge on the
present charge and be tried for
criminal conspiracy to defraud
before another Magistrate.

Mr. Gordon Leask inquired if
the accused were discharged on
the present charge they would be
re-arrested immediately.

Mr. Lindsell said that that was
a matter for Mr. King's depart-
ment.

Discharged.

Mr. Leask then said that he had
consulted with his clients and
they elected to take their dis-
charge and leave it to the pro-
secution to take further steps as
indicated by his Worship.

His Worship accordingly dis-
charged both accused on the
charge under the Drug Ordina-
ance, and Christie immediately
left the dock.

In the case of Blum, his Wor-
ship indicated that there was a
further charge against him of
being in the Colony without a
passport, and on this charge he
would be formally remanded until
10 a.m. on Tuesday next.

Blum was accordingly led out
of Court by a European detec-
tive.

Re-arrested.

Christie after he left the dock,
remained in Court where he had a
consultation with Mr. Gordon
Leask, but it was noticed that de-
tectives remained both inside and
outside the Court watching his
every movement. Christie was a
free man as long as he remained
in the Court building, but his
freedom was short-lived, and
when he presently walked out of
Court he was immediately placed
under arrest by Detective Ser-
geant Baker, and together with
Blum who was waiting outside
in company with another
detective, was led into the Detec-

tive Office, where the new charge
of criminal conspiracy to defraud
was framed.

A Resume.

Christie and Blum, were ar-
rested as the result of what Mr.
King referred to at the opening
of the case as "spontaneous" in-
formation given to him by Leslie
Ernest Haynes, and the case had
been occupying Mr. Lindsell's
attention during several sittings
since the middle of November.

The case for the prosecution
can be summarised as follows:—
Haynes, who arrived in Hong
Kong from Shanghai in Septem-
ber 1926, had made Christie's
acquaintance in Shanghai
through a mutual friend named
Knight a few months earlier.

Haynes and Christie met again in
the lounge of the King Edward
Hotel in September this year,
when Christie was stated to have
said that he particularly wanted
to see Haynes, and invited Haynes
to his room at No. 5, Victoria
Garden, Kowloon.

Haynes visited Christie in his
room a couple of days later, and
he alleged that Christie first
spoke to him about an arms deal,
and then switched on to morphia,
offering Haynes a percentage if
he could get Chinese to buy the
drug from Christie. Haynes de-
cided to communicate with Mr.
King, and acting on the latter's
instructions had other meetings
with Christie both at his room in
Victoria Garden, and later on at
Christie's alleged office at No.
480, Nathan Road, at the Yaumati
end of that thoroughfare. This
place was described by Haynes as
being furnished as a typical
Chinese office, with rattan fur-
niture on the verandah.

Blum Introduced.
After the conversations be-
tween Haynes and Christie had
become advanced, Christie intro-
duced Blum to Haynes as the
man who would go to Shanghai
and bring the morphia to Hong
Kong. Other interviews followed,
at all of which arms and morphia
were alleged by Haynes to have
been discussed by Christie, and
finally Christie pressed Haynes to
produce his buyer.

The supposed prospective buy-
er was supplied to Haynes by the
Police. He was Mr. Au Yeung,
the Chinese police reservist who
afterwards figured as the first
witness in the case against Chris-
tie and Blum. Au Yeung was
introduced to the accused by
Haynes as a merchant from
Malaya who did not speak Eng-
lish, and he (Haynes) offered to
interpret to Au Yeung in Malay.

Christie objected and brought in
a Burmese who was described in
the course of the case as Mr.
Kay, and later as Karim Din, to
act as Cantonese interpreter, and
prices were discussed.

Police Trap.
Both Haynes and Au Yeung
were agreed that Blum did not
take any part in the discussion,
he being alleged to have merely
agreed to go to Shanghai and
bring down the drug. For
Blum's expenses, Christie was
alleged to have demanded \$1,000
from Au Yeung, and when the
latter refused, came down to
\$300. This, Haynes alleged, was
because Christie was very hard
up for money and had even at-
tempted to borrow \$10 from him.

After Haynes and Au Yeung
had consulted Mr. King, Haynes
informed Christie that Au Yeung
was prepared to pay \$300 for
Blum's expenses to

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Borneo (1,297) British, from Hal-

phong, Holhow, Shun Tai S.S. Co.

—297 passengers, 2,140 tons gen-

eral cargo for Hong Kong.

Takliwa (3,742) British, from

Calcutta, Singapore, Mackinnon,

Mackenzie—1,340 passengers, 4,367

tons general cargo for Hong Kong,

2,115 tons general (through).

Derslinger (5,029) German, for

Hamburg, Manila, Melchers & Co.

—10 passengers, 1,063 tons general

cargo for Hong Kong, 2,049 tons

general (through).

Rollon (774) Norwegian, from

Holhow, Karsten Larssen—1,200

tons salt (through).

Michael Jensen (1,343) Danish,

from Bangkok, Chin Seng Hong—

54 passengers, 2,880 tons rice and

general cargo for Hong Kong.

Kwazan Maru (1,866) Japanese,

from Kobe, Milke—Kume Yoko

—531 tons general cargo for Hong

Kong.

Samarang Maru (2,500) Jap-

anese, from Surabaya, N.Y.K.

—20 passengers, 500 tons general

cargo for Hong Kong, 4,467 tons

general (through).

Indus Maru (2,701) Japanese,

from Yokohama, Moji, O.S.K.

—797 tons general cargo for Hong

Kong, 3,635 tons general (through).

Akita Maru (2,316) Japanese,

from Yokohama, Moji, N.Y.K.

—709 tons general cargo for Hong

Kong, 3,635 tons general (through).

Koshun Maru (2,575) Japanese,

from Surabaya, Tawao, O.S.K.

—45 passengers, 3,369 tons gen-

eral cargo for Hong Kong, 374 tons

general (through).

Osaka Maru (2,192) Japanese,

from Calcutta, Singapore, N.Y.K.

—1 passenger, 1,335 tons gen-

eral cargo for Hong Kong, 2,836 tons

general (through).

Phranang (1,022) Chinese, from

Hai Phong, Holhow, Chow Yue

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Hong Kong.

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For Canton:—Yezan Maru,

Lushan Maru, Raymond Poincare.

For Singapore:—Khiva.

For Macao:—Tak Hing.

For Manila:—Machon.

For Swatow:—Hozan Maru,

Kiangsu.

For Saigon:—Telemachus.

For Amoy:—Tak Hing.

Clearances.

For Keelung:—Kwazan Maru.

For Canton:—Rollon.

Shipping Abstracts.

Arrivals. Departures Port.

British 12 16 28

Japanese 13 9 17

Norwegian 2 0 7

Chinese 5 6 16

Danish 1 0 1

Dutch 0 2 4

French 0 2 1

German 1 0 1

American 2 1 1

Italian 1 1 0

Panama 0 0 1

Portuguese 0 0 2

37 37 72

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KEEPING THE TIENSIN RIVER OPEN.

THE PERMANENT CHANNEL.

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pleted work on the New Channel

dykes at Tangku, and the Haiho

Conservancy authorities are now

settling about the work of dredging

the Permanent New Channel.

The river end of the dykes is at

present closed by a wall, and the

dredgers will work up to this from

the seaward end, and when the

dredging is thus completed, the wall

at the river end will be demolished

and the Channel will be open for

use.

The Channel, it should be added,

is so set as to allow the prevalent

winds and currents to assist in a

natural scour. At present the

maximum depth obtained on the

Old Channel is about 19 feet but it

is hoped to get a depth of 25 feet

in the New Channel.

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struction of the dykes was the use

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after successfully completing her

trials, arrived recently in the Mer-

sey. This latest vessel is the

second of her name, the first "La-

urentic" having been sunk by a Ger-

man submarine during the war,

carrying with her to the bottom

something over £5,000,000 in gold,

practically all of which has been

recovered.

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ment on her predecessor, both as

regards size and equipment. She

is fitted with every device that the

marine engineer can suggest to

provide for the safety and comfort

of her passengers. The builders

were Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of

Belfast, to whom Mr. A. B. Cauty,

the general manager of the White

Star Line, paid a high compliment

during the trial run of the "La-

urentic" for the workmanship which

they have put into the vessel. The

new "Laurentic" is the sixty-eighth

steamer which Messrs. Harland and

Wolff have turned out for this one

line, bringing the tonnage up to

749,621.

The system of combination pro-

pulsion machinery in the new ship

is one in which Mr. Willett Bruce,

the superintendent-engineer of the

White Star line, has taken a keen

interest, and it has attracted a

considerable amount of attention.

The system, it is stated, is expected

to effect a saving of 8 per cent. in

the coal bill, compared with the

older method of steam raising and

propulsion. The new vessel is in-

tended for the White Star's Cana-

dian service, but before being put

into her regular sailings she is go-

ing to give American millionaires a

couple of winter trips to the Medi-

terranean. Her design permits her

to carry 1,600 passengers—cabin,

tourist cabin, and third class. In

one respect the new ship develops

the policy that has been adopted by

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that there is a growing demand for

cheap tourist trips to Canada and

the United States. The builders of

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*KHYA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,935	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMAIA	9,129	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,916	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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ARAFURA	6,009	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
SANTHIA	7,754	4th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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*NAGORE	5,233	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	9,935	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,509	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
*LAHORE	12th Mar.		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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SPEEDY LINERS. PLAN FOR TEN ANNOUNCED IN U.S.

ATLANTIC IN 96 HOURS.

Washington, Oct. 21.
If present plans materialise keels
for ten of the world's fastest pas-
senger liners, capable of crossing
the Atlantic in four days, will be
laid in American yards before
Spring and the entire fleet, which
will cost 150,000,000 dollars to
build, will go into commission by
May, 1930.

The final test in a long series was
completed here this afternoon in the
Washington Naval Basin, with a
twenty-foot model of the proposed
liners, under conditions simulating
a north Atlantic gale, and, accord-
ing to engineers present, the per-
formance proved that it is feasible
to build liners capable of not only
attaining the speed of thirty-five
knots, but which, in doing so will
consume less fuel and develop
more horse-power than is now be-
ing used per hour by the "Levi-
athan."

To-day's tests were arranged by
Mr. Lawrence N. Wilder, former
president of the American Brown
Bovari Company and now chairman
of the Advisory Committee of the
company's shipbuilding division,
which is sponsoring the all-American
steamship-aeroplane service.

The parties interested hope to
obtain financial help from the
Government in constructing the
ships. The loan construction fund,
which was created to encourage
ship construction in American
yards, can be drawn on for such
projects as this express service, it
is believed. Under the plan a
company may borrow up to 65 2-5
per cent. of the cost of the vessel
at a low rate of interest.

The proposed line is to be incor-
porated as the New York-London-
Paris Steamship Company (Blue
Ribbon Line), to operate a fleet of
ten 20,000-ton liners that will be
privately run and will fly the
American flag. The vessels will be
built in American shipyards, will
have a 32 1/2-knot sustained sea
speed, and will make the trip to
England in 96 hours and to France
in 101 hours.

The ships will be approximately
300 feet in length, with an 80-foot
beam and a draft of 24 feet 9
inches. A landing platform will be
installed so that aeroplanes may
land on and depart from the vessel.
Weather permitting, mail will catch
the boat which sailed the day pre-
vious. It is estimated that in this
manner mail may be carried be-
tween America and England and
France in less than three days.

The new liners will be used ex-
clusively for passengers, mail, and
express.

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE. Definite Proposal for Government Encouragement.

Chicago, Nov. 22.
A definite plan for government
encouragement of a privately owned
American merchant marine was
forwarded to the United States
Shipping board by Edward S.
Hurley.

Hurley was head of the Shipping
board during the world war and
since has been an active exponent
of government support to increase
the tonnage carried in American
ships.

Under the terms of the proposals
submitted to the shipping board by
Hurley the government would make
available a revolving fund of \$500-
000,000.

Loans would be made available
from this fund at a low rate of
interest to further development of
a privately owned American mer-
chant marine.

Railroads of the country would
be able to operate their own
steamship lines in conjunction
with their freight carriers on land
and expand shipping activities in
case of railroads already owning
steamships, Hurley said.

Borrowers from the fund would
be required to purchase their ves-

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T'iau via Swatow & S'hai	YATSHING	Wed., 28th Dec., at 7 a.m.
T'iau via Swatow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Sat., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSHING	Fri., 30th Dec., at 5 p.m.
Kebe via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Satur., 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Satur., 7th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	HANGSANG	Tues., 20th Dec., at 2 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Fri., 5th Dec., at 8 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	SUISANG	Thurs., 22nd Dec., at 3 p.m.
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Hong Kong, 14th December, 1927.

TRANSPORT THOMAS. TO MAKE LAST RUN IN JANUARY.

Old Timers who have tears will
prepare to shed them now. It was
definitely announced that—the
famous old Army Transport
"Thomas" will start on its last run
to the Philippines in January next
year. The "Thomas" will be re-
placed on the trans-Pacific run by
the U.S.A.T. "Grant," beginning in
March.

Originally laid down as a com-
mercial cattle boat running to
Australia and South America, the
boat had already made history when
it was purchased by the government
during Spanish-American War days
along with five other boats which
have long since passed to Davey
Jones' Valhalla.

One hundred and two times has
the "Thomas" made round trips to
Manila and two more will be added
before she is put on the "pension
list."

Her first trip out here was made
via Suez and many "Sunshiners"
will recall those memorable days,
says a "Manila paper." On her
maiden trip, various European
Governments asked that she lay-up
at Gibraltar. Thus an opportunity
was offered military observers to
inspect the "last word" in Army
transports. Much water has passed
under her keel since that time.
Year after year the old boat has
been reconditioned, yet she always
"brings home the bacon."

Members of the service on duty
in the Philippines or at San Fran-
cisco have heard rumours from time
to time that the "Thomas" was to
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she was. But after a short
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yard the "Thomas" always came
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Hong Kong, Monday, Dec. 19, 1927.

SOVIET PEEVED.

Because the Nationalist author-
ities have given the Soviet
Consulates and commercial
agencies their marching orders
the Soviet is peeved. They are
more than that—they are decided-
ly chagrined and furious. When
Moscow ruled the roost in Canton
the Peking Government and all
its acts were virtually declared
null and void because, according
to Moscow, Peking did not repre-
sent the "voice of the people of
China"—and, of course, because
it would not allow itself to be in-
fluenced by the Communists then
in Canton. Now that the Nation-
alists have kicked out the Soviet
Consulates the Soviet Consul-
General in Shanghai, M. Chicherin,
plaintively turns to the Peking
Government, and the treaty made
between Soviet Russia and China
in 1924, in support of his very
specious argument that the Soviet
Government "never recognised the
so-called Nationalist Government
of Nanking." M. Chicherin con-
veniently forgets that his Govern-
ment absolutely disavowed Peking
and everything and every-
body pertaining to Peking after
the raid on the Soviet Legation
quarters in Peking some months
ago. In fact, it went so far
then—as it has now in regard to
the Nationalists—to utter dire
threats if the humiliation and in-
sult to Soviet Russia was not in-
stantly followed by adequate
apologies and reparation. Mere
empty threats, as are those now
vehemently breathed against the
Nationalists!

Moscow was only too glad to
use the Nationalists as a pawn in
the game, against all and every-

body whom it could not influence
to imbibe and practise Commu-
nist "principles." They backed
the Nationalist horse to win in
an easy canter, but when the
jockey changed his colours and
went into the anti-Communist
stable Moscow had to find another
mount. It almost succeeded in
finding one in Canton last week-
end, only that the "King of Ho-
nam" made the pace too hot for
him, and he had to beat a hasty
retreat after inflicting all the
damage he could in the brief space
at his disposal. But—had that
coup succeeded the vials of the
Soviet wrath would once again
have been poured out against the
Peking Government whom the
Soviet virtually falls back upon in
support of its claim that the Na-
tionalist Government of Nanking
has acted ultra vires in telling the
Soviet Consuls and commercial
agents to quit Nationalist soil as
speedily as possible.

It is the old story since the
Soviet became the enemy of the
whole world. The Soviet can do
no wrong—till it is found out,
and then it vainly tries to take
shelter behind "prevarications,
evasions, and downright lies. It
has gone astray in its calculations
against Great Britain; it has gone
astray in regard to Peking; and a
like result has followed its co-
quetry with the Nationalists.
M. Chicherin and his kind may go
on bleating till they are tired—
they will leave China and the
world unmoved!

"TEA MONEY."

CHINESE ALLEGATION NOT
PROVEN.

When a Chinese was this morn-
ing charged before Mr. R. E.
Lindsell with obtaining 60 cents
from the driver of public motor
car No. 393 by false pretences, he
alleged that the Chinese constable
who arrested him (No. C593)
had asked him to collect "tea
money" from motor car
touts for him, and he did so, not
knowing that the constable was
laying a trap for him. However,
the accused could not explain why
the constable should seek to get
him into trouble, and falling to
prove his allegation against the
constable he was sent to jail by
Mr. Lindsell for six weeks' hard
labour.

A KOWLOON THEFT.

Mrs. Landy, living at No. 3, Car-
navon Road, Kowloon, has reported
to the Police that during her ab-
sence between Friday afternoon and
yesterday morning, a trunk in her
room was forced open and \$100 in
bank notes stolen.

"AS OTHERS SEE US."

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SOME CANDOUR.

WHO WILL DEFEND US?

Last week I said good-bye to a
friend who had been spending the
best part of a month under my
roof. A most entertaining man,
renowned at College as an athlete
and scholar, he has penetrated into
many of the world's queer out-
of-the-way spots, made three fortunes
and lost two, always kept his eyes
wide open, and as a result can
regale listeners with tales of
Vienna, Rio, Dawson City, Congo-
land, the Veldt, the Bush, and the
Southern Seas. I was the host but
he was the entertainer. Concern-
ing Hong Kong and its life he had
some nuggets as well as a few
laudatory things to say, and some
of these I am penning from
memory, in the hope that they may
prove interesting to Hong Kongites.

"Life most towns East of Eden
in which Europeans are congre-
gated, Hong Kong has this ad-
vantage—one soon gets to know
folk. In a month or two after his
arrival a fellow, if he is at all
sociable, gets to know a sufficient
number of his countrymen to en-
able him to get along nicely. But
soon he gets to know too many.
Yes! I say he gets to know too
many, because when a man is
known to nearly every European in
the place it cramps his style. He
becomes a slave to "good form" and
convention, and must do everything
"comme il faut." His mottoes are
"is it done?", "go slowly," "what
will the firm say?", and he acts
as if he were under the lognettes
of a thousand Mrs. Grundys. And
what are the consequences should
he do otherwise? If he displays
originality he is eccentric; if he is
sure enough of himself to follow
his own inclinations and show
initiative he is dubbed "common"
or selfish or, if the critics are
feminine, his wife is ambitious; if
he succeeds and wins by his very
own efforts a niche in a higher
social stratum, instead of recognis-
ing his achievement his "Christian
friends" gain a morbid satisfaction
by reminding one another that he
was "nothing" when he first came
out, and they attribute his rise to
impudence or luck.

Dropping Cards.

"Your social system is a relic of
the Feudal Ages. You talk phari-
sically of the caste system in
India while your own social organ-
isation is redolent of the Brah-
minism of snobbery. Why should
you distinguish between the whole-
sale and the retail merchant? Isn't
the one as necessary to a com-
munity as the other? In Britain
to-day we hear of Lady X opening
a hat shop, or of Lord Lord Y
becoming a motor salesman, and
no one thinks the less of them for
it, but in the East it simply can-
not be done. Here one's occupa-
tion, not one's birth, breeding,
education, character, or even bank-
balance, determines one's place in
the scheme of things. The junior
clerk in a wholesale firm (provided
he has been appointed from home)
can pass through doors closed to
princes in the retail line. Most
of you agree as to the iniquity of
the system yet none has the rum-
pump to raise a protesting voice."
Then take your ridiculous custom
of dropping cards, and those ludi-
cious little boxes outside your
houses telling the world that Mrs.
Bynks-Browne is out. Bathos!
And when your clerks get beyond
the Red Sea they call themselves
accountants and your plumbers sud-
denly become engineers. Oh Con-
vention! What absurdities are
committed in the name!

"And your interport rivalries are
too funny for words. I do not re-
fer to your interport sporting con-
tests, which are splendid institu-
tions, but to the mutual jealousies
between the various European Set-
tlements out here, and the crass
ignorance displayed by many
when indulging in their Philip-
pines. In each place the extollers
of their own midden-heap bore you
with platitudes derogatory to some
rival town which very often they
have not even seen. Demur, and
you are a sour individual; concur,
and you are a man of taste and
perception; tell them their town is
the finest in the East, and you are
an oracle."

Fat and Liverish.
"Too many of your men and far
too many of your women under-
stand fat and liverish. I'm
afraid afternoon naps have a lot
to do with that. How many of
your Europeans between the ages
of thirty-five and fifty could, this
week, climb from the water front
to the summit of the Peak in less
than two hours and not feel ex-
hausted? How many of them ever
do any physical work away from
the tennis courts or golf links?
Your doctors would suffer badly
if chairs and richies were to be
forbidden during the winter
months to all healthy folk. Men-
tally, things are just as bad. How
many of you have a hobby? How
many of you ever do any serious
thinking (apart from Bridge) or
any serious reading? Yet your men
and your women here talk smugly
of Western civilisation and go-
aheadness, of the bull-dog breed,
and so on, as if they were repre-
sentatives of such, instead of real-
ising that their "cushy" circum-
stances are the result of privi-
leges borne by pioneers long ago.
They also seem to have forgotten
(if they ever knew it) that con-
tinual, continual striving, and
mental activity are necessary to
prevent stagnation and retardation,
etc., etc., etc."

"So spake my gentleman with the
duster." How much truth and how
much exaggeration are in his state-
ments I leave for the reader to de-
cide. It may be a slight conso-
lation to some aggrieved ones to
learn that my friend had many good
things to say about the place, for
example, the sensible way we spend
our Sundays in the open air, also
that he had found what he calls
the Brahminism of snobbery and
mental sluggishness even more
strongly entrenched in other places
than in Hong Kong. You ask,
"Where?" No names, no pack-
drill.

TRAM EX-EMPLOYEE.

JAILED FOR ASSAULTING AN
INSPECTOR.

FORCED TO PAY HIS FARE.

A Chinese who was stated to have
been employed in the workshop of
the Hong Kong Tramway Company
and was dismissed on December 2,
was this morning charged before
Mr. R. E. Lindsell with attempt-
ing to avoid paying his fare when rid-
ing in-tramcar No. 57 on Saturday
afternoon, and with assaulting a
Chinese ticket inspector.

With regard to the first charge,
the accused said that at first he
was not asked by the tram conduc-
tor to buy a ticket, but eventually
when he was asked he paid five
cents. As to the assault on the
ticket inspector, the accused said
that the inspector struck him first,
so he struck back.

The conductor said that he re-
cognised the accused as a Tramway
Company employee, and, not know-
ing that he had been dismissed, did
not ask him to buy a ticket when
he boarded the car outside the Bay
View Police Station, going in the
direction of Taikeo. Eventually the
inspector told him that the accused
had been dismissed by the Com-
pany, and then he asked the accused
to pay his fare, and the latter
paid him five cents.

The Magistrate decided on the
conductor's evidence, that the first
charge against the accused could
not be sustained, and he was dis-
charged.

With regard to the assault, the
ticket inspector said that the ac-
cused heard him tell the conductor
to make the accused buy a ticket,
so when he (witness) jumped off
the car, the accused followed and
pushed him violently. When he re-
monstrated the accused the latter
picked up a piece of wood from the
road and struck him on the neck
with it, knocking him down. Wit-
ness suggested that the accused as-
saulted him because he had told the
conductor to collect five cents from
the accused.

The Magistrate convicted the ac-
cused of assault and sent him to
jail for 14 days with hard labour.

NOT RED!

NORTHERN CHINESE AND A
SWORD STICK.

STUCK FOR \$100.

A Northern Chinese who arrived
from Canton yesterday, was this
morning charged before Major C.
Willson at the Central Magistracy
with the unlawful possession, with-
out a permit, of a sword stick.

The accused admitted the offence,
and said that he was ignorant of
local regulations.

Detective Sub-Inspector Andrews
told the Magistrate that the accus-
ed was arrested on board the s.s.
"Sai On," and the police were satis-
fied that the accused was not "Red,"
but a messenger for the Hupeh au-
thorities, and was on his way back
to Shanghai.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of
\$100 and ordered the confiscation of
the weapon.

GUNMEN'S OUTRAGE.

UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF A
FOURTH ARREST.

CHINESE DETAINED BY
POLICE.

It was learned unofficially, as we
were going to press, that the police
have arrested and are detaining for
investigation, a Chinese who is be-
lieved to be the fourth man of the
gang of gunmen who fired on a
police patrol in Wing Lok Street,
resulting in Sergeant Thomas Mc-
Mahon, amongst other police offi-
cers, being wounded.

Immediately after the firing on
the picket, all four gunmen bolted.
One was arrested a little distance
away, a second was shot dead, and
a third was wounded and taken to
the hospital, whilst the remaining
man succeeded in making good his
escape. In the subsequent chase of
the fugitives, a searcher on the
Yau-mat ferry wharf was shot dead,
whilst a Chinese constable, on boat
duty was fatally wounded, and sub-
sequently died at the Government
Civil Hospital.

much exaggeration are in his state-
ments I leave for the reader to de-
cide. It may be a slight conso-
lation to some aggrieved ones to
learn that my friend had many good
things to say about the place, for
example, the sensible way we spend
our Sundays in the open air, also
that he had found what he calls
the Brahminism of snobbery and
mental sluggishness even more
strongly entrenched in other places
than in Hong Kong. You ask,
"Where?" No names, no pack-
drill.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Snow and frost are predicted for
Christmas at Home.—Will Mr.
Claxton please note?

An Englishman and a Scotsman
entered a cafe. After ordering tea
for two, the Englishman thought he
would cause some amusement by
saying, "You be mother and pour
out."

"Oh, certainly," replied the Scot.
After the meal the Scotsman rose
to leave. "Hey!" shouted his com-
panion, "where are you going?"
"That's all right," he replied,
"you be father and pay."

"Summer pests must be killed
scientifically, not with the first
domestic implement that comes to
hand," says a rolling-pin gathers
for instance, a rolling-pin gathers
no mosquitoes.

College Student: I want a good
lead pencil, please.

Attendant: Hard or soft?
College Student: Hard. It's for
the stiffest examination of the
year.

The most audacious man of the
week is the one who went round
to the stage door after the per-
formance and tried to get back the
pennies he had thrown at the ac-
tors!

"Why can't women act as post-
men again?" asks a writer. Any-
way, if the suggestion were adopt-
ed, those of us who don't like re-
ceiving income tax forms would
merely put a notice on the garden
gate, "Beware of the Mice."

"Talking about little burrs" said
the travelling man, reminds me of
the time I was in the smallest town
I know of. Why that town was so
small that they painted "Come
Again!" on the back of the "Welcome
sign."

When Algy all unwilling,
From hopes and fears released,
Was cut off with a shilling
By his Aunt Jane (deceased),
He didn't move a feature,
He hardly seemed to care,
But murmured, "Poor old crea-
ture,
She merely bobbed her heir!"

"I wish I was a little boy at
school again," went on the principal
speaker to the pupils in the assem-
bly hall. "Do you know why I
wish that?"

This remark impressed the chil-
dren for a moment, and then a
childish voice from the rear of the
hall was heard to say:
"Perhaps 'cos you've forgot what
you learned."

Women are now wearing com-
plexions that match their clothes,
we read. However, it is not true
that the ones who wear sunmetal-
coloured stockings are powdering
their faces with dynamite.

Sackville-street, Piccadilly, is the
only street in London without a
lamp-post. Drunkards found in
that street are usually summoned
for loitering with no visible means
of support.

"Would you be good enough to
look after my car while I go into
the store?"

"Sir! I am the mayor of this
town!"

"That doesn't matter. You look
to me to be an honest man!"

It was a house of death. Betty's
mother, a prey to grief, sat silently
in the drawing-room.

Suddenly, with a violent jerk, the
door opened, and Betty burst
excitedly into the room, waving some-
thing in her hand.

"Oh, what do you think?" she
said breathlessly. "Grandma's gone
off to heaven and forgotten to take
her knitting with her!"

"Do you think this medicine will
do me any good?"

"I think so, if you follow the
directions carefully. It says:—
"Keep bottle tightly corked."

"Then you deny," said the
Magistrate, "that you were rude to
the policeman when he asked to see
your licence?"

"Certainly, sir," replied the
motorist. "All I said was that,
from what I could see of him, I was
sure his wife would be happier as
a widow."

They were newly married and on
their first honeymoon morning the
happy man was first down to break-
fast, and promptly propped up his
daily paper in front of the coffee-
pot and was soon immersed in the
news.

The young bride, on entering the
room, broke down, and in a falter-
ing tone exclaimed:—"Good
heavens, I never realised till now
that I had married a bookworm!"

An elderly man, walking along
the street, slipped heavily on the
pavement. Somewhat ruefully, he
arose and commenced to rub his
limbs vigorously. As he did so a
little boy standing by burst into a
fit of sobbing.

The unfortunate victim was
touched by this apparent display of
sympathy.

"Never mind, my little man, he
said soothingly. "I am not hurt
much. You needn't cry."
"I wasn't crying for that," replied
the boy, with a sob. "It was my
banana you trod on."

REDS IN HONAM.

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cause, it was based upon the activities of the Communists for a long period and they established this root of trouble. But its near cause was due to a few unfaithful soldiers who conspired with Communists and started the trouble, and thus this great disaster was caused. I, Fook-lum, though protecting the Honam Island was not molested, but in lack of beforehand perception could not repudiate the fault.

Soon after the commotion, General Chang Fah-kuei, General Wong Ki-cheung and Mr. Chan Kung-pok tried to save the situation. Canton is now being restored to order but the people of Canton have greatly suffered. I am afraid that the outer circle, not understanding the reality of this trouble, may blame that the Canton Government and the Canton people are of the Communist Party, and taking advantage of this, those who seek for their own and selfish power will with the aid of Communists attack us on both sides and we will be in great danger. I, Fook-lum, thinking little of my own position, have always wished to retire, but owing to constant troubles in Canton I could not slack in my duty, and I was thus kept from doing so. But if this untrue blame is put on to our Government, I, Fook-lum, having followed the late President Sun for thirty years and obeying the Three Principles, could not admit this charge, but will take up the responsibility and fight faithfully for the cause. I will live with the Canton people if the Communists are destroyed and will die with them if the Communists succeed. I realise there is only my country and my party, and in spite of all other elements I will fight and live for them. This is my only thought and aim, and I hope all will see to it and help me to unite the knot of trouble and this will be my hope and wish to all of my beloved countrymen.

SHANGHAI ACTION.

French Concession Authorities Alert.

Shanghai, Yesterday. All Russians employed in Soviet establishments or residing in the French Concession of Shanghai have received orders to leave. The French police have posted guards at the residences of Russians where they will remain until the occupants leave.

There is no change in the strike situation.—British Naval Wireless.

On a Chinese Steamer. Kinkiang, Yesterday. Fourteen Russians passed this port to-day, going down the Yangtze River on a Chinese steamer.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Kinkiang is 142 miles below Hankow and 453 miles above Shanghai. Presumably, the Russians either fled from or were forced to leave Hankow when the Nationalist authorities carried out their raid during the week-end.]

Wuhu Situation. Nanking, Saturday. Nanking Government officials are finding a difficulty in taking up appointments at Changsha.

Labour trouble is again threatened at Wuhu.

The country between Shashi and Chenglin appears to be under no civil or military control and bandits are rife.—British Naval Wireless.

"WISHING YOU."

SIXTY THOUSAND RADIO MESSAGES.

Rugby, Yesterday. It is announced that the Post Office are making provision for the transmission of no fewer than 60,000 radio messages or Christmas greetings through the medium of their wireless beam services.—British Wireless Service.

LONG JUMP RECORD.

Durban, Yesterday. In the Natal athletic championships S. J. M. Atkinson, who represented South Africa in the last of Olympic games, won the long jump with 26 feet nine inches, which is a world record.—Reuter.

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NO PEACE IN SIGHT.

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city. This time, they entered every house, secured the names of every member of the household, and then required that all trunks and boxes in the building be opened up for strict examination. This is the most thorough search that has been made.

The authorities are taking no chances of a Communist revolutionary outbreak.

Martial law is still in effect, and all precautions are being taken toward maintaining peace.—Our own correspondent.

FIVE BRIGADES.

About 7,000 Troops in Canton's Garrison.

Canton's garrison now comprises five brigades of infantrymen and half a battalion of bodyguards, with a very small proportion of artillery and other units.

Accordingly, the strength can be placed at about 7,000 or 8,000. On the small side, it should be able to guard against a fresh Communist rising as the Reds depended mainly on bad characters, agitators and the prisoners in jail to swell their numbers last week.

The majority of the garrison do not belong to the 4th Army which is known as the Ironside corps but all detachments are believed to be loyal.

Military Intrigue?

General Li Fook-lum has withdrawn the two brigades he sent over from Honam last week, ostensibly to guard his home fires.

With regard to the political situation, the "Keung Sheung Yat Po" suggests that the two leaders of the Ironsides may treat with General Chen Ming-chu, a Nationalist general who has been stated to have arrived at Swatow, ahead of his army which is marching into Kwangtung from Fukien. Swatow is in the hands of the Kwangsi military faction and General Chen Ming-chu is believed to be in league with them; but now comes the story of negotiations with the Ironsides.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

BUILDING PROGRAMME OPPOSED.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Reichsrat by 36 votes to 32 have adopted the Prussian deputy's motion demanding that the sum of 9,300,000 marks, which is the first instalment towards the construction of the proposed new battleship, be deleted from the Budget.—Reuter.

Military Reductions.

The Reichsrat also reduced by 6,000,000 marks the expenditure for military purposes. The Government now intends to submit two budgets to the Reichstag, one with the new battleship and the other without.

Herr Gessler, Minister of Defence, in a speech in the Reichsrat, defending the proposal to build the new warship, said the Government's view was that until progress in the world of disarmament was made it was its duty to carry out the modest naval programme allowed Germany by the Treaty of Versailles. He pointed out that of the six cruisers permitted only five were being built, and out of six battleships only four were contemplated.

The Government considered it must at all costs take steps to safeguard the sea route to east Prussia which was impossible with the light naval forces possessed by Germany.—Reuter.

ENDURANCE TEST.

15,000 MOTORING RUN COMPLETED.

Paris, Yesterday.

Capt. Victor Bruce and his wife, driving an A.C. car, and taking alternate turns at the wheel, completed 15,000 miles on the Monthlery track in 229 hours 32 minutes 54 seconds, at an average of 68 miles an hour. The previous record was approximately 56 miles an hour.—Reuter.

HIS NEXT JOB.

COOLIDGE AS HEAD OF STEEL CORPORATION.

New York, Dec. 11.

The "Morning Telegraph" will say to-morrow that President Coolidge has been offered the chairmanship of the United States Steel corporation when he retires from the presidency. The paper states that the President is carefully considering the proposal.

Wall Street bankers, according to the Telegraph, refuse to discuss the alleged offer, though one or two bankers have been found who have heard the story from semi-official sources.

The "Telegraph" says that it understands President Coolidge received the offer through Dwight Morrow, Secretary Andrew Mellon and members of the Du Pont family.—United Press.

AT THE PICTURES.

QUEEN'S FEATURE A FRESH FARCE.

There is a fresh farce at the Queen's Theatre now. It is called "Good and Naughty" and features that favourite screen actress, Pola Negri, with Tom Moore appearing opposite her. The farce is very well acted and is full of good fun.

At the World.

At the World there is that ever-welcome Chaplin picture "Shoulder Arms." Charlie appeals to us to-day in this war-time film as much as he did when it was first filmed. "Shoulder Arms" is distinctly one of those pictures one may see more than once. In the same programme is "Three Miles Up," starring Al Wilson, the stunt airman and automobilist.

CINEMA NOTES.

Pictures showing in the local cinemas for the last time to-day are Pola Negri's entertaining light comedy "Good and Naughty" at the Queen's; Charlie Chaplin's big war comedy, "Shoulder Arms," and the dare-devil aviator, Al Smith's exciting drama, "Three Miles Up" at the World; and Monte Blue's Colorado railway drama, "The Limited Mail," at the Star.

PEAK ROBBERIES.

TWO HOUSES ENTERED ONE WEEK-END.

Mr. Padgett, of No. 4 Peak Road, has reported to the Police that some time between midnight on Friday at 10 a.m. yesterday his room was entered by a burglar who got away with a quantity of jewellery worth \$160.

Clothing worth \$47 was reported to the police by Mr. Bristol, of No. 20 The Peak, to have been stolen from his room during Saturday night.

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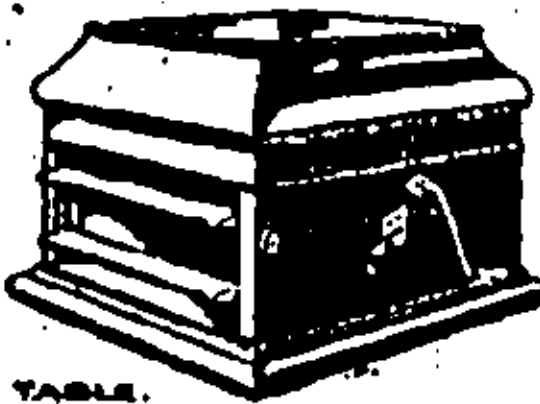


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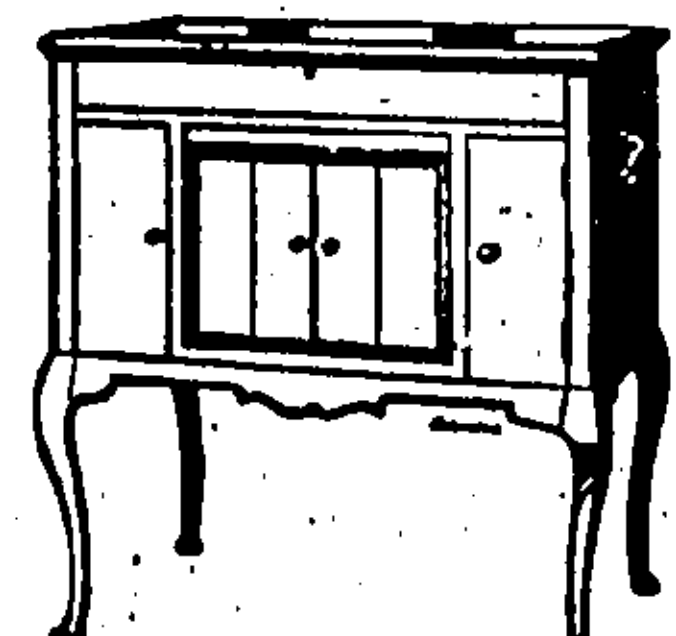
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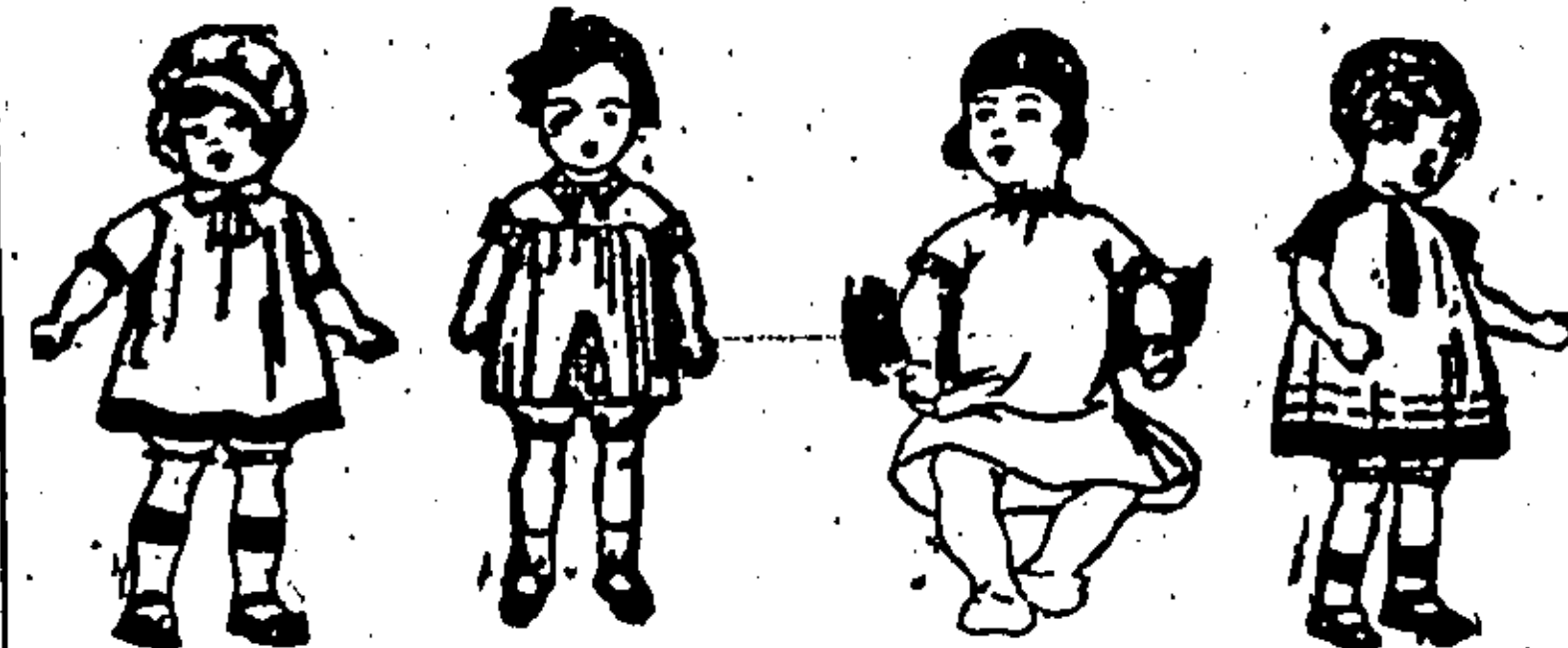
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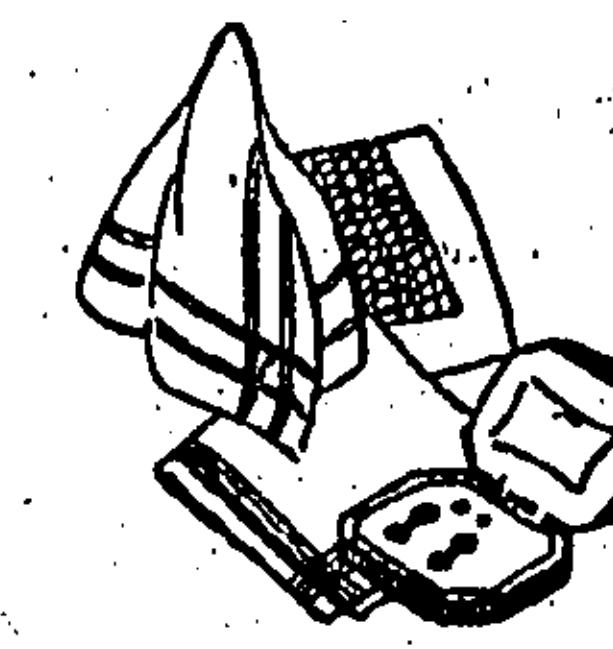
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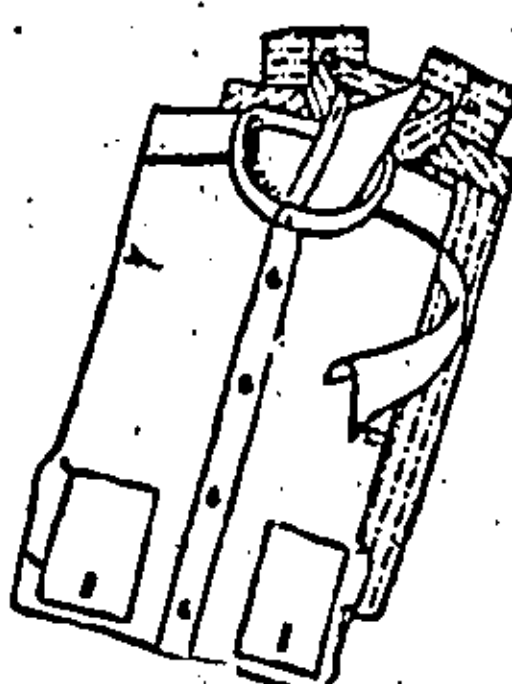
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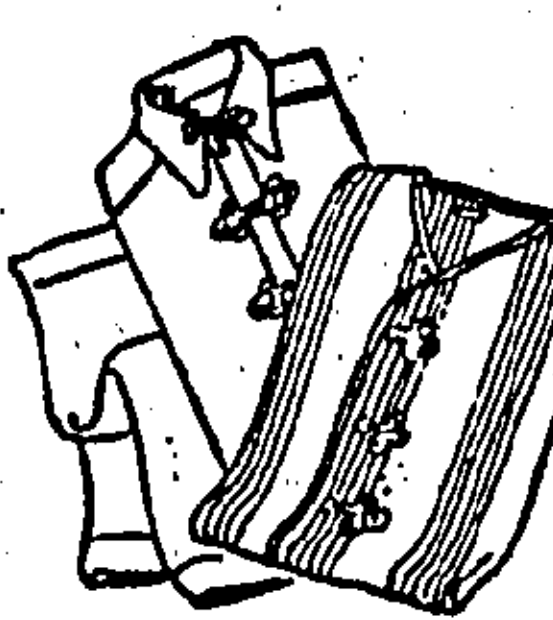
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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Money and clothing worth \$41
was yesterday reported as stolen
from No. 142, Queen's Road Central.

Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh has
decided to fly to Mexico City from
Detroit on the 19th inst. to spend
Christmas with her son.

Mexico City, Dec. 18.—Mr. Ber-
trand Holloway, the British Execu-
tive president of the National Rail-
ways of Mexico has resigned owing
to ill-health.

Lord Birkenhead has been elected
Rector of Aberdeen University
in succession to Viscount Cecil,
with 316 votes, Sir A. Sinclair
(Liberal) polling 307, and Mr. John
Masefield (Independent), 200.

As the result of being assaulted
by some unknown persons in Man
Wah Lane at 1 a.m., yesterday, a
hawker was removed to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital suffering from
a serious stab wound.

Mr. G. E. Hubbard, Peking re-
presentative of the Hong Kong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation
(formerly of H.M. Diplomatic Ser-
vice), spoke on November 9 before
the Central Asian Society, on "The
Two Sides of the Case on China."

Whilst the Yaumati ferry launch
"Man Sun" was on a voyage to
Hong Kong on Friday night, a
Chinese passenger jumped over-
board whilst the launch was pass-
ing the breakwater at Yaumati. A
search was made for the man, but
no traces of him could be found.



Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas,
Republican leader in the Senate, who
has given formal notice to Re-
publicans of his State that his hat
is in the ring for the 1928 nomina-
tion.

The engagement is announced
between Sven Stuart, second son of
the late Mr. F. M. Tegner (of
Yokohama) and of Mrs. Tegner, of
Tangle, Reigate, and Edith Mar-
garet, only daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Arthur F. Nicol, of Nutfield
Court, Surrey.

The engagement is announced
of the Rev. W. G. Burgess, B.A.,
M.C., vicar of Cheddleton, and Mrs.
Harris, of Basford, Hall, Leek,
widow of F. C. Harris, I.M.C.
China, and daughter of Mrs. Deans,
of Riccarton, Christchurch, New
Zealand.

Mr. W. G. Darby, the well-known
former resident and pioneer in Bri-
tish North Borneo, who had the mis-
fortune to break his leg in two
places some time since, is making
good progress towards recovery,
but is not yet able to get about or
resume his ordinary duties in the
city.

Mr. Archibald Rose, C.I.E., a
member of the General Committee
of the China Association, who has
been on a visit to China for some
months, was due to reach London
by the s.s. "Cracovia" on Novem-
ber 12. Mr. Rose is a director of
the British-American Tobacco Co.,
Ltd.

Admiral Ivens Ferraz, who re-
cently returned to Lisbon from
China, has expressed great appre-
ciation of the friendly reception
given to himself and the Portu-
guese officers and men under him
by Major-General Duncan, the Com-
mander of the British Shanghai De-
fence Force.

Every preparation has been made
at Le Petit Louvre, on the ground
floor of the Kowloon Hotel, for
Christmas. There is an end-
less array of Paris models for
afternoon or evening wear; the
hats are decidedly chic and fashion-
able; there are flowers galore and
dainty novelties suitable for Christ-
mas gifts; and there has just ar-
rived a stock of the famous Ever-
smart manure compacts that make
an ideal present for wife, sweet-
heart, or lady friend. Le Petit
Louvre has been justly described
as the dearest shop in the Colony.
Christmas shoppers will certainly
find much here to solve the prob-
lem of "what to buy for Christmas."

One case of diphtheria (Chinese)
was reported during the week-end.

Mr. A. Parker Smith, Director of
the Lawas (Sarawak) Rubber
Estate, Ltd., is leaving shortly for
the East on a visit to the prop-
erties.

Captain I. J. D. Scott and Mrs.
Scott passed through Singapore on
their way from China to Java,
where Captain Scott is taking up
an appointment as representative
of China Underwriters Ltd.

Riding a push bicycle in Praya
East yesterday, a Chinese youth
collided with tramcar No. 14. He
was thrown heavily from his ma-
chine, and suffered injuries which
necessitated his removal to the Gov-
ernment Civil Hospital.

Wuchow, Dec. 16.—Ferdinand
Hauschild of Tepitz-Schoenau,
Czechoslovakia, passed through
Wuchow on his way to Nanning,
walking around the world. He ex-
pects to reach Nanning within
seven or eight days.—Our Own Cor-
respondent.

A bean curd maker living in the
Wongtolsan village, Autao, has re-
ported to the police that during his
absence from his house yesterday,
a locked box was forced open and
\$215 in money stolen. He suspects
an employee, who is alleged to have
absconded.

It is notified in the current issue
of the "Gazette" that an order has
been made by the Governor-in-
Council, under the Societies Ord-
inance, to the effect that the Chik
Tso Kung Wui, otherwise known as
the Knitters' Union, is declared to
be an unlawful Society.

The following appointments in
the Consular Service were notified
in the "London Gazette," of Novem-
ber 8:—Colin John Davidson, for
Korea; Paul Dalrymple Butler, for
the Urban Prefecture of Tokyo;
Ferdinand Cecil Greatrex, for the
Island of Formosa and its depen-
dencies.

Interesting events depicted in the
"Topical Gazette" showing at the
Queen's Theatre to-day include the
visit of the Prince of Wales to the
Queen Hunt and also the mar-
riage of Princess Anne of France
to Prince Amedeo, Duke of Apulia,
a wedding attended by forty
Princes and Princesses.

The Hong Kong and the Chinese
Lodges of The Theosophical Society
celebrated their close-of-the-season
meeting on Sunday evening at Lane
Crawford's Restaurant, a large
number of members and friends
with their families being present.
The meeting took the form of a
musical social, with tea and short
addresses.

M. Alexandre Varenne, the So-
cialist Governor-General of Indo-
China, is on his way home
from his post, and, according
to a telegram from Paris, it is not
expected that he will return. Should
this prove to be the case, the possi-
bility is being seriously discussed
of M. Albert Sarraut, who is at
present Minister of the Interior,
being appointed in his place. M.
Sarraut has already been Governor
General of Indo-China, and it is be-
lieved that he would like to return
there.

At the Central Magistracy on
Saturday, Major C. Willson had be-
fore him the alleged Chinese gun-
man who was shot in the affray in
which two Chinese constables were
killed, and Sergeant Thomas Mc-
Mahon, an Indian constable and a
Chinese detective were wounded.
The prisoner was charged with the
murder of Chinese Police Con-
stables Wan Wong-chi and Chan
Sing, and formally remanded for
a week on the application of Detective
Sub-Inspector Lane.

D. F. Landale, the Oxford Univer-
sity Rugby captain, son of Mr.
David Landale, formerly of Shang-
hai, and of Mrs. Landale, was in-
jured in the match with Blackheath
at the Rectory Field on October 5. At
Blackheath Cottage Hospital the
X-ray examination showed that
nothing was broken, but that Lan-
dale was suffering from a severe
sprain. He was allowed to go
home, but it is thought he will have
to rest for a week or two. Landale
took a very light-hearted view of
the injury, which arose from a col-
lision between Landale and one of
his own colleagues.

Dr. Danson, Bishop of Labuan
and Sarawak, spoke over the wire-
less between 5.30 and 5.45 on Novem-
ber 8 (replayed from Birmingham)
on "The Land of the White
Rajah." For the last ten years
Dr. Danson has been Bishop of the
enormous diocese that includes
Borneo, the third biggest island in
the world, where his flock com-
prises not only the scattered Bri-
tish population, but the immigrant
Chinese and the Dyaks, who were
head-hunters a generation or two
ago. It was about these last, in
the domains of the white Rajahs
the famous Brookes of Sarawak—
that he talked. Before he went to
the diocese he worked for many
years in Singapore, Java and the
Malay States, and he is the only
Bishop who has been shipwrecked
twice.

London, Dec. 18.—The flagship,
H.M.S. "Frobisher," has arrived at
Devonport from China and will pay
off and re-commission at New Year.

New York, Dec. 18.—G.\$10,000-
000 to Buenos Aires was forwarded
yesterday, making G.\$18,850,000
worth of gold to the Argentine
from the United States this month.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The State
Department is informed that Mr.
Cosgrave, President of the Execu-
tive of the Irish Free State, is
visiting the United States in Janu-
ary.

Bombay, Dec. 18.—Their Af-
ghanistan Majesties sailed in the
P. & O. "Rajputana" for Europe
amid salutes by guns of the India
marine vessels and the circling of
the Air Force seaplanes.

News has been received from
Bangkok of the death of Mr. S.
Forgeson, third engineer of the
Norwegian steamer "Hirundo," run-
ning between that port and Hong
Kong via coast.

The engagement is announced be-
tween B. Markland Bell, of Perak,
F.M.S., son of the late Mr. B. E.
Bell and Mrs. Bell, of Guernsey,
and Eileen, elder daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Geo. W. Ingleby, of
Rowley, East Yorks.

Wuchow, Dec. 16.—Members of
the foreign community met at the
Alliance Home to-day in celebration
of the birthday of the Rev. R. A.
Jaffray, a veteran missionary of the
Christian and Missionary Alliance.
—Our Own Correspondent.



George Otis Smith, director of the
U.S. Geological Survey.

Viscount Elibank, chairman of
the Perak River Hydro-Electric
Power Co., left 187, St. James's
court, on November 10 for Egypt.
He is in a short time proceeding to
Malaya for the purpose of inspect-
ing progress and to deal with such
matters as can be more easily ad-
justed on the spot.

Colonel the Master of Sempill
was the guest of honour
of the Council of the
Royal Aeronautical Society at
dinner on November 8, as a mark
of the Council's appreciation of his
services during his first term of
office as Chairman. He has been
unanimously re-elected to fill the
chair for a second year.

The German yacht "Hamburg" of
69 tons and commanded by Capt.
Kirchels, ex-navigating officer of
the German raider "See Adler," ar-
rived at Coves after a voyage round
the world of 689 days. Kirchels,
interviewed, paid a tribute to the
friendly reception he received at
Colombo, Singapore, and other Eng-
lish places and said the people were
very sporting.

A party was given by Mr. and
Mrs. Augustus John on November
5, in honour of the return of their
sailor son, Caspar, from the China
Station. Dancing commenced at
tea time and the party did not
break up till three in the morning.
Augustus John himself was
dancing away merrily most of the
time, while his son seemed to be
quite as much at home in a studio
as in a battleship.

According to a report made to
the police during the week-end by
the mistress of a passenger boat,
the vessel was engaged by three
Chinese near the Ice Factory at
Shamshui to convey them to the
Nanking Camp. As the boat near-
ed the camp, the passengers altered
their minds and wanted to proceed
to Chungshawan. The boat mis-
tress became suspicious and want-
ed to return to Shamshui, where-
upon the three men produced revolv-
ers, and taking command of the
boat rowed it to Lanchikok. Here
the men beached the boat, and after
ransacking it and taking money and
jewellery to the total value of \$95
went ashore, and made good their
escape.

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SPORTS

RIFLE SHOOTING.

"ARGUS" TEAM DEFEATS DOCKYARD.

TWO POINTS MARGIN.

In a friendly rifle shoot at Stonecutters on Saturday a team of eight men from H.M.S. "Argus" defeated the Royal Naval Dockyard Rifle Club by the narrow margin of two points.

The full scores were:—

H.M.S. "Argus."	200	500	600	Tl.
Yds. Yds. Yds.				
Comd. Grn. Barber	27	34	31	92
W. Tel. Nash	27	31	29	87
Cornl. Willet	26	30	27	83
Marine Reeves	26	29	26	80
Ld. Tel. Wilkins	24	31	28	78
Marine Hartnoll	24	25	26	75
Sgt. Hoek	21	30	22	73
P. O. King	19	23	21	63

Total 632

Count Out

A. B. Rose	24	16	15	55
Dockyard R. C.				
A. Cook	31	33	31	95
W. Garrett	25	34	30	89
C. F. Young	28	31	24	83
Gossett	27	23	26	76
Lewis	21	26	27	74
J. Littleton	24	26	25	75
C. G. Mitchell	28	27	16	71
S. V. Wickenden	28	27	13	68

Total 630

Counted Out

Dawson	24	25	18	67
W. R. Latham	23	25	9	57

HOME RUGBY.

SCOTLAND BEAT WARATAHS AT EDINBURGH.

London, Saturday.
At Edinburgh, before a crowd of 50,000, in frosty weather, Scotland beat New South Wales by 10 points to 8, in a thrilling Rugby match.—Reuter.

A Tribute.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Scotland had the honour of winning the first Rugby football international match against New South Wales team, whom they beat by ten points to eight at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, yesterday.

For the first time during their present tour the New South Wales forwards, who were at full strength came up against a pack at least their equals both in the scrum and in the loose.—British Wireless Service.

BOBBY JONES.

NOT DEFENDING BRITISH TITLE.

Atlanta, Ga., Yesterday.
Bobby Jones has announced that he will not defend his title as British open golf champion owing to his low studies and will not participate in the British amateur championship, but will participate in the United States open and national amateur championships in September.—Reuter's American Service.

HOCKEY.

CLUB 1ST XI v. WANDERERS.

The following will represent the Club on the U.S.R.C. Ground on Wednesday at 4.45 p.m.:—

W. T. Lockhart-Smith, J. W. Henry, D. Lyon, L. M. S. Lloyd, A. A. Dand (Capt.), J. E. Noronha, R. K. Valentine, F. G. L. Wheeler, E. L. Slin, W. Woodward, B. D. Evans.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club 2nd XI on Tuesday on the Marine ground, at 5 p.m. sharp, v. the Hong Kong Singapore R.A. 2nd XI.—F. S. Nicholls; A. N. Other, L. F. Nicholson; W. R. Greenhalgh, Rev. J. P. Murray, Rev. N. Evans; R. R. Todd, L. P. Thomas, F. G. L. Wheeler, W. A. Nowers, T. P. Sanderson.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

Teams for Farewell Match To-morrow.

The following will represent the two teams in a farewell match to Dr. R. A. Ponsonby Fane and Mr. B. P. Ng tomorrow on the University ground at 2 p.m. sharp:—
Dr. Ponsonby Fane (capt.), Dr. D. Laing, W. Hong Sling, A. A. Rumjahn, C. W. Lam, F. Zimmerman, A. B. Sulteman, F. Hiptoola, K. T. Loke, Chan Fook, F. H. Traves, and A. H. Rumjahn.
Mr. B. P. Ng (capt.), Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. M. B. Osman, S. V. Giffins, A. P. Gutierrez, E. A. Lee, J. Barrow, B. N. Sudan, A. Baker, A. A. Aziz, Y. C. Teh, and S. Kermani.

LAWN BOWLS.

TAKOO RECREATION CLUB.

CLOSING OF SEASON.

A pleasant gathering assembled at the Takoo Recreation Club on Saturday afternoon on the occasion of the closing of the lawn bowls season, in which the Club has distinguished itself by winning the Spey Royal Cup and being runners-up in both the First and Second Divisions of the League. Owing to the state of the green rendering it impossible to play on more than three rinks the usual invitation to sister Clubs to send rinks had unfortunately to be dispensed with, but a game of three rinks, President versus Vice-President, was played, ending in a victory for the former by a majority of only eight shots, 15 heads being played. The following were the respective teams:—

President.	Vice-President.
T. Grimshaw	A. Craig
H. C. Resker	H. Coombs
J. Sloan	J. J. Whyte
W. Wotherspoon	G. McLeod
(Skip) .16	(Skip) .12
D. Templeton	K. E. Greig
R. M. Keown	D. Spiers
Jas. T. Dobbie	D. C. Walsley
J. Laing	G. Morrison
(Skip) .16	(Skip) .10
Jas. Sloan	N. Drummond
J. D. N. Richmond	J. B. Chapman
D. Munro	J. Chalmers
R. C. Wallace	J. Muirhead
(Skip) .11	(Skip) .13

Total .43 Total .35

At an appropriate interval a group photograph of the players and lady friends was taken.

At the close the gathering assembled in the Club-house under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Morrison, convenor of the bowls section, when the various prizes won during the season were presented, together with spoons to the winners on the President's side during the afternoon.

Chairman's Review.

Mr. Morrison, at the outset, said that he had the greatest pleasure on behalf of the members of the Club, in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and family there that afternoon. Continuing, he said:—

Before the presentation of prizes I would like to say a few words. I am not going to take you back to the time when Drake played bowls on Plymouth Hoe. Neither am I going to tell you when and where the game of bowls originated, but I will say that the Takoo Recreation Club, by their keenness, foster the spirit of rivalry and so keep up the enthusiasm for the game in this far outpost of the British Empire. We have now come to the official closing of the green for another season. I cannot say we have had a successful season. In the First Division we finished second, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club being winners for the first time in the history of that Club. We, the members of the Takoo Recreation Club, congratulate them on thus winning the League. (Applause). Our second team finished second in the League, Kowloon Cricket Club winning the Second Division. We have quite a few promising young players in our second team who are gaining valuable experience in the different positions in the various rinks—players who will one day bring the honour of the first team when the old men are sitting on the bank thinking of the good old days. So really from a Takoo point of view it has been a disappointing season. We were unfortunate to lose the services of Mr. Drummond, one of our skippers, early in the season owing to illness. This upset the balance of our First Division team to a great extent, and I do not know what we should have done if three of the old hands had not come forward and pledged themselves to play bowls in the League. I will not mention names, but I take this opportunity to thank those gentlemen on behalf of the Bowls Committee and the bowlers of Takoo. (Applause).

Another cause was the state of our bowling green. We had the consent of the General Club Committee at the end of last season to use our own judgment in the matter of what we should do with the green—as a matter of fact, we had the power to return the whole green if necessary. In view of past experience after careful consideration it was decided to return two rinks on the west side of the ground, which I am sorry to say, turned out to be an absolute failure, and at the end of the season we had to fall back

upon three rinks on the old part of the green. I may state here that we could not get more than three rinks on our green during this season. This is, indeed, a serious state of affairs on a green which is capable of supplying six rinks. I am not going to venture an opinion myself, but if there is any one here who would give his opinion and advice we should be grateful, but I will say this—if Takoo is going through many more seasons under the same conditions as the season just finished I venture to say that Takoo as a Bowling Club will steadily decline. It is essential that the question of what we are going to do with the bowling green be taken up at once and in no half hearted manner. (Hear, hear.) I wish now on behalf of Takoo Recreation Club (Bowls Section) to thank the donors of the handsome prizes you see before you. (Applause). We are indeed lucky in this respect in having those gentlemen who come forward year after year with handsome prizes for the various competitions. I often wish the donors would drop on to the green during the various rounds of the competitions and witness the keenness displayed by the competitors. Truly the man who wins a prize in Takoo has certainly got to play for it. (Hear, hear). It gives me great pleasure to thank the donors of the various prizes on behalf of the members of Takoo Recreation Club (Bowls Section) and I am sure we are very pleased to have them with us this afternoon and hope they have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. (Applause).

There is one more pleasant duty I have to perform—that is, to thank the ladies who have provided the teas for the First and Second Division teams during the season. (Applause). I am sure we all appreciate that cup of tea on a hot day and are grateful to the ladies who come along Saturday after Saturday. On behalf of the Takoo bowlers I would ask the four ladies to accept a small token of our deep appreciation of their services. (Applause).

The four ladies, who were presented with souvenir vases, were Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Chalmers, Mrs. Spiers, and Mrs. Whyte.

Tournament Prizes.

Mrs. Morrison presented the prizes won in the Club's tournament during the season as follows:—

Singles Championship (1st prize presented by Mr. D. Templeton):—Winner, J. Laing; 2nd, G. Morrison; 3rd, R. C. Wallace.

Rink Competition for the "Reid Shield," 1st Prize (Replicas of the Shield presented by Mr. K. E. Greig):—Winners, P. M. Stewart, J. D. N. Richmond, C. B. Matthews, W. Wotherspoon (skip); 2nd, D. C. Walsley, R. B. Bell, J. J. Whyte, T. Young (skip); 3rd, J. Chalmers, J. Mitchell, H. McKechnie, G. McLeod (skip).

Four Bowls Fairs (1st Prize presented by Mr. H. C. Resker):—Winners, J. Waid and J. Laing; 2nd, J. Chalmers and H. Dimmen; 3rd, C. Young and W. Wotherspoon.

Singles Handicap for those who had not previously won a first prize in a Singles Competition (1st Prize presented by Mr. N. S. Brown):—Winner, J. Chalmers; 2nd, P. M. Stewart; 3rd, A. H. Maxwell.

Two Bowls Pairs (1st Prize presented by Messrs. Davie Boag and Co.) The final in this has not yet been played off but the finalists are:—P. M. Stewart and J. Laing; John Sloan and T. Grimes.

Mrs. Morrison was presented with a vase of flowers at the hands of little Annie Weir. Mr. Morrison suitably responded.

A Welcome.

Mr. D. Templeton said that owing to Mr. Brown's natural modesty it fell to him to add to the Chairman's words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and the Misses Robertson, and to state how pleased they were to see them there that afternoon. In replying to the expression of appreciation of the prizes presented by the donors of prizes, it had been his great pleasure to interest himself in lawn bowls at the Takoo Recreation Club for a great many years. If the various donors were not seen on the rinks as often as they might, that did not betoken a lack of interest, as they often enquired as to who were in the running for the various prizes. He had pleasure in congratulating Mr. Laing on winning the championship—a feat which he had accomplished once before. To revert to the visit of Mr. Robertson and his family, he would like Mr. Robertson to say a few words. (Applause).

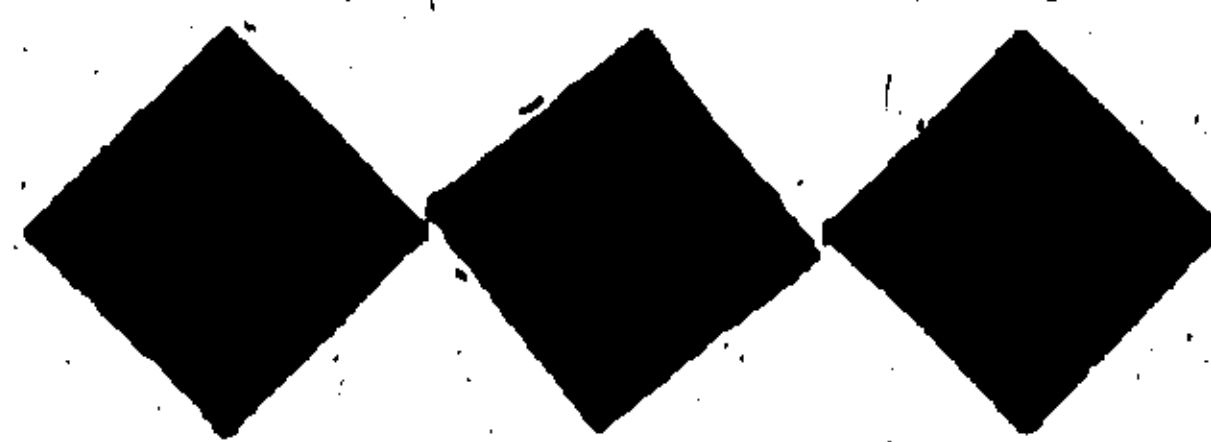
The Old Quarry Bay.

Mr. Robertson said that he felt as soon as Mr. Templeton rose to speak—or at least before he sat down again—that he was in for it. (Laughter). He would like to say that it was a source of great pleasure for him, and Mrs. Robertson and their daughters to be present with them that day. That was not the first time he had been present on such an occasion as the closing day of the Bowling Club. He had been connected with Takoo since 1891 and since that time he had wondered at the great development of Quarry Bay. But he was sure that notwithstanding that development, the reputation of Takoo in the matter of hospitality to their visitors had never diminished in the slightest degree. As Quarry Bay had developed so had, he was quite certain, the hospitality of Takoo. It had given him great pleasure to be present that day, and he could assure them that it would not be the last gathering of the kind at which he would be present. (Applause).

A Veritable Waterloo.

Mr. Dobbie ventured to hope that a "still small voice" would be heard, coming from the only visitor from the other Clubs in the Colony. On behalf of those Clubs of which he was a member he could say that the closing function that afternoon had been a great success in every way. He considered, however, that the Chairman, Mr. Morrison, had been too modest and too deprecating of the part that the Takoo Recreation Club had taken in the work of the season just brought to a close. He had omitted altogether mention of the winning by the Takoo Recreation Club of the Spey Royal Cup. (Hear, hear). To win that trophy from the holders—the Craigengower Cricket Club—was only another testimony to the prowess of Takoo, which had for many years been the Waterloo of many a player and many a Club. The Chairman had dwelt on the difficulties of the ground—difficulties that some of the other Clubs fully sympathised with, particularly the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, but these were not insurmountable and no doubt Takoo would within a short period be found once again producing a bowling green that could hold its own with any in the Colony. On behalf of the visitors who had come to Takoo during the season he would like to associate himself and all the sister Clubs with what the Chairman had said with regard to the services of the ladies during bowls matches. The hospitality of Takoo was renowned all over the Colony and whenever an invitation was extended to other Clubs the members gladly responded by reason of the limitless hospitality extended to them. With regard to the particular function that day all had spent a most enjoyable afternoon and one that would be remembered not alone on account of the presence of such distinguished visitors as Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and family but on account of the "snatching" of silver spoons by a certain number of lucky players! He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Morrison for presiding over the presentation of prizes. (Applause).

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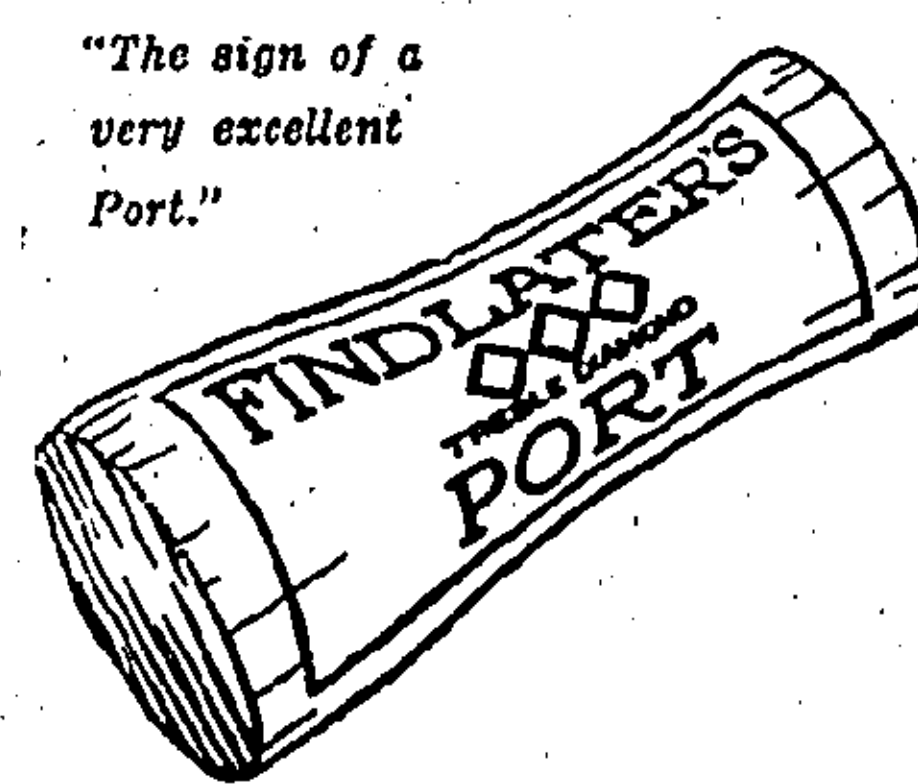
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On demand	134%
On Singapore—	
On demand	86%
On Manila—	
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On Shanghai—	
On demand	78 1/2
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	107
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.50
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Bull Silver in Hong Kong	2% prem.
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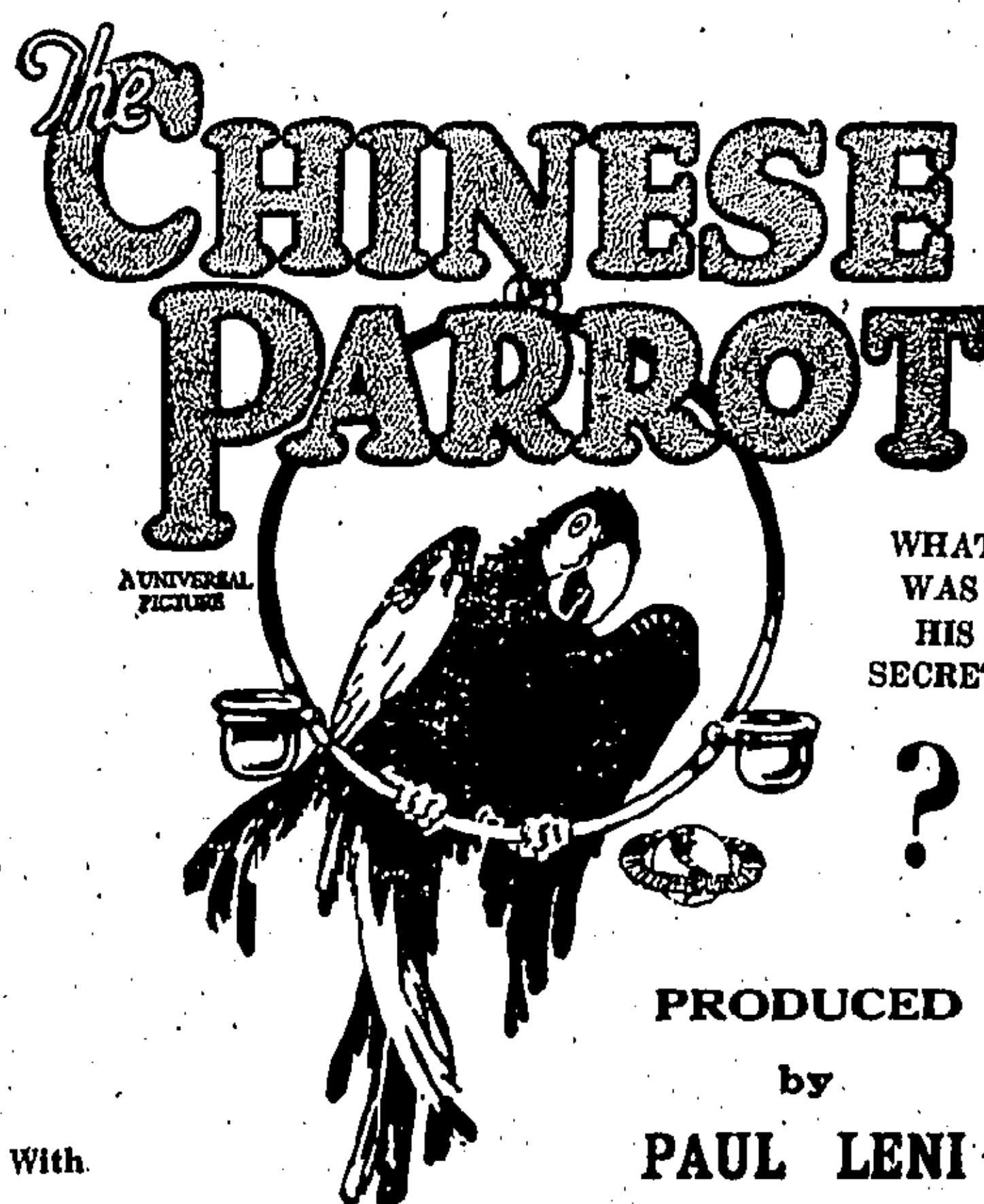
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London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124
New York	4.88 1/2
Brussels	34.895
Rio	6 69/64
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/6 7/64
Geneva	25.28 1/2
Amsterdam	12.075
Milan	89.95
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.08 1/2
Copenhagen	18.19 1/2
Oslo	18.33 1/2
Vienna	34.58 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193.90
Madrid	29.28
Lisbon	2/7 1/6
Athens	366
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Hong Kong	2/0 3/4
Yokohama	1/10 3/4
Silver Spot	26 3/16
Silver Forward	26 11/16

THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.
T.T. on London	2/- 5/16
T.T. on Shanghai	78 1/2
Bank.	
Hongkong Bank	\$1152 1/2 b
do. Lon. Reg.	\$122 n
Chartered Bank	\$21 1/4 n
Mercantile A. & C.	\$23 n
do. C.	\$14 1/4 n
P. & O. Bank	\$10 n
Bank of East Asia	\$62 n
Insurance.	
Canton Insurance	\$580 b
Union Insurance	\$293 b
North China Insurance	\$7 1/2 n
Yangtze Insurance	\$140 1/2 n
China Underwriters	\$140 sa
China Fire Insurance	\$215 n
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$655 b
Shipping.	
H.K. Steamships	\$40 1/2 b
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	\$21 1/2 2/25 sa
Indo-China (Frct)	\$30 n
do. (Dat.)	\$48 n
Shell Transport	\$0/7 n
Water-works	\$17 n
Mining.	
Benguet	\$2 1/4 n
Kalian Mining Ad.	\$0/7 n
Langkat (Combined)	\$18 1/2 n
do. (Single)	\$10 b
Shanghai Explorations	\$2 1/2 2/25 sa
Shanghai Loans	\$10.05 n
Rails	\$3 1/2 n
Trench Mines	\$17/6 b
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$123 b
H.K. & W. Docks	\$32 b
China Providents	\$34.40 b
Hongkong	\$153 b
New Engineering	\$5 b
Shanghai Docks	\$90 n
Cotton Mills.	
Ewo Cottons	\$7.05 n
Oriental Cottons	\$11 n
Shal Cottons (old)	\$14 1/2 b
do. (new)	\$14 1/2 b
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FOOTBALL.

CHINESE ATHLETIC'S GREAT
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INJURIES TO PLAYERS.

Chinese Athletic's defeat of the Air Force was the feature of Saturday's games, which with the exception of the defeat of Recreo by South China went much as was expected. Two players at Kowloon, Howard (Club) and Peake (Scots Guards), were removed to Hospital as a result of injuries. A Chinese player was sent off the field.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Division I.
China Athletic 5 Royal Air Force 0
Kowloon F.C. 0 Hong Kong Club 0
Club de Recreo 1 South China 3
Royal Artillery 1 K.O.S.B. 0
Scots Guards 3 H.K. Police 0

Division II "A."
Kowloon Res. 4 Club de Recreo Res. 0
University 0 K.O.S.B.'s Res. 2
China Athletic 2 R.A. Res. 1
St. Joseph's 4 South China "B" 0

Division II "B."
S. China "B" 3 Moslem Club 0
S. China "A" 3 St. Joseph's Res. 2

Division I.

CHINA ATHLETIC v. R.A.F.
The following represented China Athletic:—

Pau Ka-ping, Ng Kum-cheung, Lai Yuk-tat, Lim Yuk-ying, Wong Shui-wa, Leung Yuk-tong, Chang Kwong-ju, Suen Kim-shung, Wong Pak-cheung, Lee Wai-kung and Tso Kwai-shing.

R.A.F.:
Welsh, Morris, Vernon, Gallacher, Burch, Constable, Robins, Relly, Arlett, Bailey and Avery.

A large crowd witnessed the decisive victory of the China Athletic over the R.A.F. at Happy Valley on Saturday.

The victory was the direct result of a clever display of football given before very appreciative spectators.

From the commencement of the game both teams appeared to work on a definite "modus operandi," but neither could take the situation really in hand. Sensation followed sensation in the first ten minutes of the game.

After two minutes play China Athletic took the ball to the mouth of the R.A.F. goal and all but scored. On the ball being cleared it fell to the feet of Chang Kwong-ju, who almost effected a breakaway amid great applause.

The R.A.F. backs transferred the play to the other end of the field where their forwards attempted some clever movements which resulted in an unfruitful corner against China Athletic. Play was quickly transferred to the R.A.F. goal mouth where a corner was given against them. This corner was also unfruitful.

Fast Game.
Play now became rather cautious with each team endeavouring to sum up the other. China Athletic were the first to lead, which they did through Chang Kwong-ju, who sent a well-placed centre to the top of the net via Suen Kim-shung. The goalkeeper was absolutely beaten.

The left half of China Athletic soon afterwards put a terrific shot into Avery who effected a really fine save by a double-handed punch.

The ball, however, went to China Athletic who dribbled through only to gain an off-side goal.

Play again went quickly to China Athletic's goal where more thrills were experienced. A shot from the right wing of the R.A.F. was only just saved when the goalkeeper fell with the ball. A scramble ensued but the goalkeeper emerged with the ball and cleared.

Both teams attacked alternatively and, with the exception of an occasional attempt by both sides to break away, play was in mid-field with the forwards endeavouring to out-play each other.

The agility of China Athletic, however, proved too much for the R.A.F. who, from the commencement, had played a very fast game at the expense of their skill and coolness.

Had the ground been less dry no doubt the game would have been much slower. Half time arrived with only one goal but with ample promise of more.

Half time score:
China Athletic 1
R.A.F. 0.

A Sensation.

On the resumption of play China Athletic sent the ball to the left of the field whence it passed to the right accompanied by plenty of good play on both sides. China Athletic, however, proved the superior and added to their lead through Wong Pak-cheung. This feat elicited tremendous applause from the Chinese spectators, and before anyone realised what had happened the ball had struck and rebounded from the post of the R.A.F. goal. For fully five minutes a desperate struggle ensued at the R.A.F. goal mouth, and had it not been for the splendid work of the backs the issue would have resulted in a third goal for China Athletic.

The third goal, however, provided the sensation of the match. Avery ran out to intercept a pass from the left wing and encountered three or four China players. There was a scurry. Meanwhile the ball had gone to Suen Kim-shung, who, whilst the scramblers were sorting themselves out, scored a fine goal.

In rapid succession Chang Kwong-ju scored the fourth goal.

Play now passed to the R.A.F. goal where Suen Kim-shung secured a fifth goal for his team, thus making the final score five goals to nil in favour of the Chinese team.

At no time during the second half did the China Athletic appear to be in danger: the R.A.F. seemed hopelessly beaten by the speed of the game. Vernon made several attempts to break through but failed on each occasion. He tried a long shot which went just over the cross-bar.

Result:
China Athletic 5.
R.A.F. 0.

KOWLOON v. HONG KONG CLUB.

This match on the Kowloon ground caused considerable interest but the opening play was marred by an unfortunate accident to Howard of the Club who had to be removed to Hospital, where it was announced that the popular Club player had broken a bone in the wrist. The Club were without Wallington, Stewart and Scott and introduced Lyons, Alexander and Trambitzky of the Reserves who played a good game. The accident to Howard affected both sides as the play during the first half was rather ragged. Taylor tested Angus with a nice shot but the Kowloon goalkeeper was safe and Simpson who was playing centre forward gave the winger a fine chance which Wheeler cleared. The Club despite their handicap were doing a lot of pressing but wild shooting spoilt many good efforts and the interval arrived with no score.

Playing four forwards in the second half the Club played a very enterprising game and made many raids on the Kowloon goal, but the defence stood steady and Miles on the Kowloon left got away, and after a good run sent in a ripping shot which the Club backs cleared with difficulty.

Howard's Loss.
Kowloon had very hard lines hereabouts and Pile and May each should have scored with the defence rattled, but Rodgers saving finely. Sims and McBride raised the enthusiasm of the grand stand with many personal duels and the Club player did well.

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against his doughty opponent. The best chance of the day for the Club came in the last few minutes when Simpson dashed through and with the defence beaten received no support and the effort was lost.

Though the game was not the equal of last Saturday's game with the Guards, yet the play was full of interest. Howard's accident affected the game and robbed it of its chief interest and both sets of players appeared to be affected. Kowloon on the day's play were certainly the better team but they do require one forward who can get goals. Pile and Tierney were the pick of the forwards and Guest did many useful things. Sims and Hedley being quite up to form.

The backs have not yet struck their real game but Angus again gave a fine show. The Club deserve much credit for their plucky display. With Howard off and Ralston badly hurt in the second half the team went all out and Simpson who also played under great difficulty was always dangerous. Taylor and Alexander were neat, but require a little more dash. McBride was the outstanding figure in the defence and was a warm favourite for playing a great game under adverse circumstances. Lyons played quite well with Bishop, the latter improving on recent displays and Rodgers in goal did all that was required of him.

CLUB DE RECREO v. SOUTH CHINA.

Recreo have struck a bad patch and for this match at King's Park which was watched by a very large crowd they had to take the field without H. Remedios and Gosano, Ogley coming in at centre forward and C. Remedios taking the centre half's position with Carvalho of the Reserves at left half. The game was started at a very fast pace and it was early apparent that the South China XI were out for points. The forwards combined very nicely and following very good work by the left wing, an early goal was scored by the inside left. Recreo rallied and fine work by C. Remedios put them on the attack but the China goalie was playing a great game and South China came again, the left wing adding another. Ogley got through for Recreo who were down at the interval.

In the second half the game was very fiercely contested and each side went all out, the enthusiasm of the crowd at South China's clever work being a feature, and South China scored again, the home side having very hard lines, a good effort by Silva being saved in very fine style by the Chinese goalie.

Gosano Missed.
The home team did not appear like the usual Recreo team, the absence of Gosano being a great loss. Xavier made a very welcome re-appearance and played a splendid game and Fernandez who deputised for Brown at outside left gave a promising display. Silva was easily the pick of the forwards and worked very hard and C. Remedios did great work in the middle-line but lacked support. Silva in goal could not be blamed for the goals which were scored close in.

The Chinese team played very smartly and if they continue will please their supporters. The goalie played a very fine game and the left full back, right half back and the inside forwards had a great share in a good win.

RA. v. K.O.S.B.
Played at Sookumpoo, the teams were:—

Royal Artillery—Philpot, Trim, Whittingham, Ginty, Fuller, Viccars, Ward, Sergeant, Pulford, Dawman, Davy.

K.O.S.B.—Anderson, Gear, Martin, Everest, Davey, Skiggs, Campbell, Stock, McClintock, Humphrey, Rev. Alexander.

Referee:—Mr. Smith.

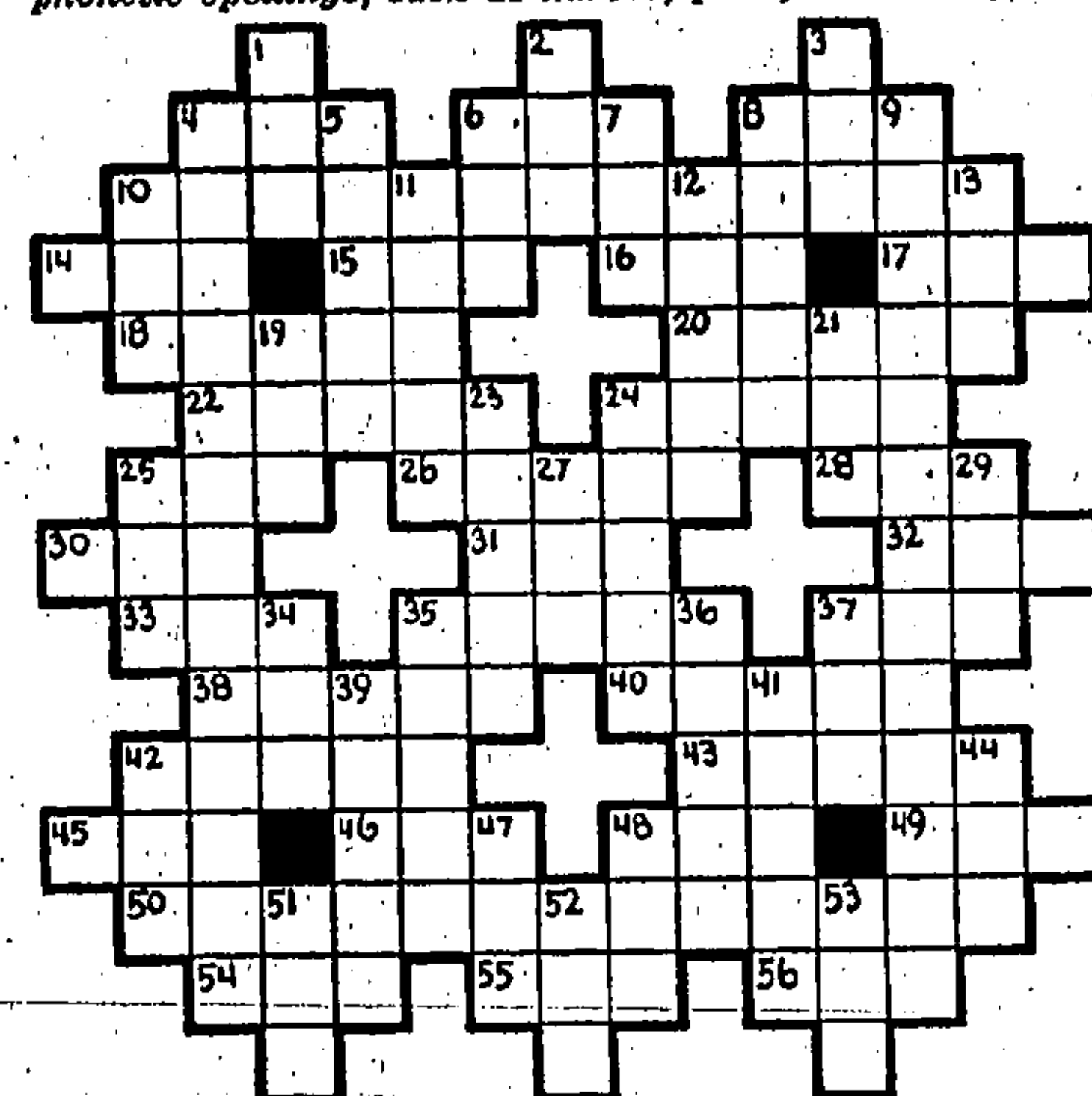
In their match with the K.O.S.B.'s on Saturday the Artillery were without Leach, Jobs and Exell; Dawman, Davy and Whittington acting as deputies. The K.O.S.B.'s fielded the same side that defeated the Police last week.

The game opened with the Gunners nearly scoring from a scrimmage in the goalmouth, but Anderson cleared his lines well. The R.A. were the first to score. Pulford netting with a beautiful first time shot, which left the goalie helpless. The Artillery had another glorious opportunity to increase their lead shortly afterwards when a free kick taken from Ward dropped to the feet of Davy, the outside left, who with a practically open goal shot wide.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

4-What is a priest's white vestment?

8-Dispose

9-What is an episcopal jurisdiction?

10-Altitude

14-Part of body

15-What is a narrow beam of light?

16-A dessert

17-Loan

18-What is a distinguishing quality of mind?

20-What are the blades of a windmill?

22-An early English Franciscan and schoolman

24-More naked

25-Quick to learn

26-A British province of the Union of S. Africa

28-A Greek letter

30-What is a mongrel dog?

31-To plunder

32-To display

33-What are relatives by blood?

35-The Welsh union.

37-Part of a fish

38-Pertaining to a royal court

40-What is the emanation of radium viewed as an element?

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

42-Fragrant essential oil extracted from rose-petals

43-Authenticative standards

45-Prefix. Thrice

46-To chill

48-To marry

49-Who was the Greek goddess of the dawn?

50-What is a person with whom you exchange letters?

54-Numbers (abbr.)

55-Of what State is Tokpeka the capital? (abbr.)

56-In addition

VERTICAL

1-What is a high mountain?

2-A Portuguese coin

3-On what river is the royal castle of Edinburgh?

4-What is money set apart for a special use?

5-Derived from boron

6-A filthy habitation

7-To rise above others

8-To soil or defile

9-What is hospitable accommodation?

10-A small river island

11-What is the flexible stem of certain palms?

12-Pertaining to the snow

VERTICAL (Cont.)

13-It is (contr.)

19-What is a section of drama?

21-Born (French)

23-What is sleight of hand?

24-Staff of authority

25-A northern diving bird

27-What are clothes washed in?

29-Own (Scott.)

34-What is a hard-shelled fruit?

36-In Homer's Odyssey what spirit transformed companions of Ulysses into swine?

38-What is made from flax fiber?

39-On account of

40-Dead

41-What is made with spirits, hot water and sugar?

42-Part of a circle

44-What is an habitual drunkard?

47-In the poem Lochlinvar what Scottish rived did the hero cross where there was no ford?

48-Prevalled in a contest

51-A fabulous bird

52-Town in S. W. France

53-Ever (post.)

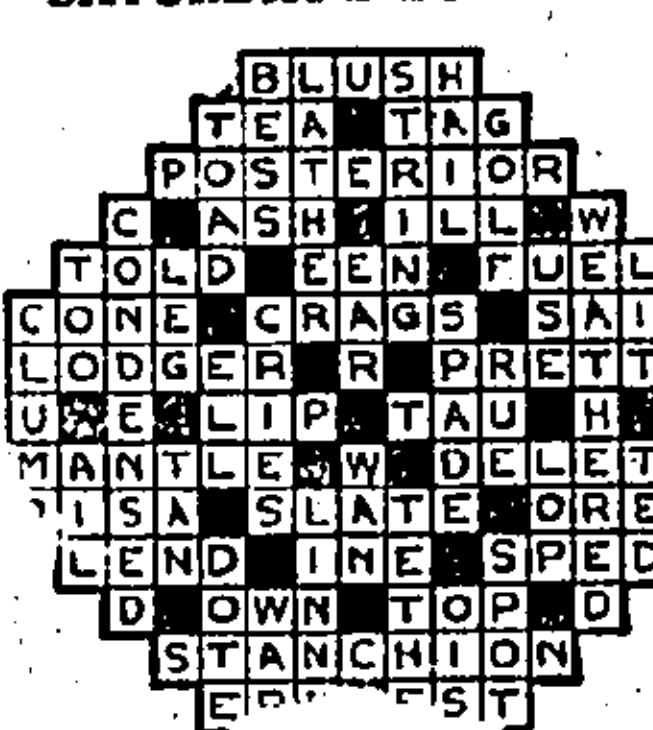
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FOOTBALL.

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The R.A. had slightly the better of the game, as they got into their stride from the start, whereas K.O.S.B.'s seemed to take a long time to settle down. About half through the first half the S.B.'s appeared to live up to a, and attacked with more zest, should have scored at least one occasion when Campbell was placed, but he ballooned the over the bar. For the Artillery Pifford played a fine game, he worked very hard indeed. Half time—

Time:—
R.A. 1
K.O.S.B. 0

Erratic Shooting.

The second half opened with the S.B.'s playing much better than they did in the first half. For about 20 minutes' play the S.B.'s were given a free kick couple of yards outside the goal, the Artillery goalie being obliged for carrying the ball, but his came of it. Shooting on sides began to get erratic, consequently some very good goal chances were missed. The S.B.'s looked as if they would mainly level matters up, but time again they shot wide with only goalkeeper to beat. They were the superior team, and they had easily won if their yards had shot with more accuracy. The final whistle came with Gunners winners, after a very close game.

Royal Artillery 1
K.O.S.B. 0

PTS GUARDS V. HONG KONG POLICE.

This match at the Regimental Ground, Chaiwan Road, attracted a good crowd, the Police being with Sherry and Hudson and the Guards introduced several changes to the game. The game started with the Guards strongly attacking and in the early part of the game Smith fastened on to a player from the wing and beat him with a nice low one. The ball went away through Pile on right, but Cornwall shot behind the Guards taking up the running again attacked strongly on right and Moore putting across Peake scored with a beauty. The second half the Police had the better of the game but fine defence the Guards' rear division ruled fine work by Oram and Noonan and the Guards came again, securing with a low shot, each gave Clarke no chance, the Guards left the field in the last few minutes of game.

The Guards were much better on day's play and the Reserves produced a good display. They did well at back, Carswell giving his usual good game, Chapman sending over some nice passes and Peake and Moore on right wing were quite a success.

Division II "A."

KOWLOON RES. V. CLUB DE RECREIO RES.

This game at Kowloon attracted a good crowd and from the start exchanges were very fast. Recreio had Ogley and Fernandez, and were no match for the Reserves who fielded a strong team. Muir, Wood, Spary and Eastman, all players who have had run with the first team, and from the start it was obvious that Recreio Reserves were in for a hot time. A hot attack by Kowloon has driven back by Silva Netto and Guereiro who were very hard pressed but eventually Muir securing went through with a fine goal giving the home side the lead. In the second half the home side gave a clever exhibition and some very smart play between Spary, Clarke and Reed took place round the Recreio goal and Muir at the final touch on with a nice ball. Kowloon Reserves played up well and kept pressure on the Recreio goal but were over anxious and missed many good chances. A fine burst through by the Recreio forwards, nearly ended in a goal at Pasco just cleared in the nick of time and the Kowloon forwards got going again, Reed doing well in the wing, and Spary scored for Kowloon. Clarke also contributed to the home team's total.

The game was a good one and Kowloon Reserves at last came into bit of their own as on the run of day they were much the cleverer side.

Pasco, Dunnett, Muir, Spary and Eastman were very prominent for the home team and Silva Netto, Marques, Ferreira, and Figueiredo scored hard for Recreio.

K.O.S.B.'S RES. V. UNIVERSITY.

Played at Sookumpoo, the teams were—

K.O.S.B. Reserves—McDougall, Harris, Martin, Drury, Gov, Hume, Skiggs, Hart, Crawley, Stevens, Craig.

University—Edwards, Scully, Hung, Loh, Lai, Gan, Lam, Tan.

Referee—Mr. Lonsdale.

The K.O.S.B.'s retained their unbeaten record on Saturday when they met and defeated the University by 2 goals to nothing. They fully deserved their win, and could have won by a larger margin of goals if they had gone all out.

The K.O.S.B.'s were the first to attack, and University were now packing their goal against the determined attack of the K.O.S.B.'s forwards. First blood was drawn by the K.O.S.B.'s, Stephens netting with his head well out of the goalkeeper's reach from a well placed centre by Skiggs. The soldiers continued to press and increased their lead through Hart, who scored with an easy shot. The half time whistle came with the K.O.S.B.'s easily the superior team and only the fine performance of the University goalkeeper saved his side from being more than two goals in arrears.

Half time, K.O.S.B.'s Reserves 2, University 0.

The second half opened with the K.O.S.B.'s on top again, and shot after shot was saved by the University goalkeeper. The University strove hard to reduce the lead but the opposition proved too much for them. All through the second half the K.O.S.B.'s looked as if they would add considerably to their lead, but their shooting in front of goal began to get erratic. The final whistle came with the K.O.S.B.'s easy victors.

K.O.S.B.'s Reserves 2, University 0.

CHINA "A" V. R.A. RESERVES.

This match resulted in a win for China "A". For the victors Cheung Kam-shuen scored a goal in the first half, whilst the R.A. failed to find the net.

In the second half Li Kwok-chiu scored China "A"'s second goal, whilst Smith scored for the R.A.

Results:—
China "A" 2
R.A. Reserves 1

ST. JOSEPH'S V. S. CHINA "B".

A few minutes after the commencement of this game, Smith of St. Joseph's effected a break away which was repelled by the right back of S. China "B". A well placed centre from Omar, the right winger, was headed into the net by Smith. Johnson scored for St. Joseph's soon afterwards and at half time the score read 2-0.

During the second half play was very rough. South China realising they were hopelessly beaten, introduced unsporting play which resulted in Li Tom-no being ordered off the field although three others should have accompanied him. Smith and Johnson repeated their performance of the first half, making the full time score—
St. Joseph's 4
S. China "B" 0

SOUTH CHINA V. THE CLUB.

As the Club failed to turn up, South China secured the two points for the match.

Division II "B."

SOUTH CHINA "B" V. MOSLEM CLUB.

This game at the Recreio ground produced a fine struggle and South China had a very big following who cheered their favourites to victory. The Chinese team were much quicker than their opponents and scored an early goal—a fine shot which roused the enthusiasm of the crowd. Another goal quickly followed, the ball striking the crossbar and rebounding but the referee pointed to the centre as the ball had crossed the line. Moslems attacked through their outside left but the Chinese goalkeeper was very safe and the Chinese right wing got away smartly, the outside right finishing the movement with a fine cross shot, the teams changing over with South China leading by 3 goals to nil.

In the second half the game was more even but the Moslems' forwards threw away many good chances in front of goal and the South China goalkeeper also saved finely on many occasions.

The Chinese team were superior on the day's play, the goalkeeper left back, inside right and outside right playing well, while Moslems were best served by the outside right, centre half, and left full back. Moslem's goalkeeper was very shaky in the first half but played well later.

ST. JOSEPH'S V. S. CHINA "A".

S. China were lucky to secure the verdict here. At half time the score was 2-2. Fernandes scored two for St. Joseph's and Cheung Chit-ning and Lai Wai-ki, each securing one for South China. In the second half Ng Po-kui scored the winning goal.

Result:—
S. China "A" 3
St. Joseph's 2

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES.

Six League Matches.

The following League games are scheduled for Saturday next (December 24) in addition to the Interport trial.

First Division.
R.A. v. Club, Sookumpoo ground, forward from January 14.

Queen's v. South China, Chatham Road ground, forward from January 28.

Junior "A" Division.

R.A. v. Club, Sookumpoo ground, postponed game of October 29.
Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon, ground, postponed game of November 6.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

Junior "B" Division.

Boy Scouts v. S. China "A", postponed game of October 8, South China ground.
Kung Woo v. Chinese Athletic, postponed game of October 15, Yaumati ground.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

A League Management Committee Meeting was held on 15th inst. when the matter of the Police Football Club playing T. Pile in the game against the H.K.F.C. on the 3rd instant without having the player transferred in accordance with Rule 9 was considered. The Police Club was fined \$10 and T. Pile cautioned.

Kowloon F.C. were fined \$5; in each case, for postponing the League games on the 3rd instant. Kowloon F.C. v. China Athletic Senior Division and Kowloon "B" v. Boy Scouts in Division II "B". Points for both games to be awarded their opponents.

The League Management ruled that unless permission to postpone games was received by the League Secretary not later than Thursday morning, the games will have to be played.

CHARITY GAME.

The Charity game arranged between the University and Government Civil Hospital Staff was played yesterday on the University ground and ended in a win for the University by four goals to one. Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., Vice-Chancellor of the University was referee.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

Following are results of matches played last week:—

R.A.M.C. 3, H. Coy. K.O.S.B. 2.
H.Q. 2 K.O.S.B. 2, H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B. 0.

12th H. Bty. R.A. 2, "B" Coy. K.O.S.B. 3.

Fixtures For This Week.

Tuesday, Dec. 20:—

R.A.O.C. v. 20th H. Bty. R.A. Referee: Lt. Welch, K.O.S.B.

B. Coy. K.O.S.B. v. D. Coy. K.O.S.B. Referee: S/Sgt. Gilbert, R.A.O.C.

Thursday, Dec. 22:—

20th H. Bty. R.A. v. R.A.M.C. Referee: Sgt. Green, R.A.

H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B. v. R.E. & R. Sigs. Referee: B.Q.M.S. Hutchins, R.A.

Home Soccer.

CHELSEA'S COMMANDING POSITION.

WEEK-END LEAGUE MATCHES.

London, Yesterday.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham 1, West Ham U. 2.

Blackburn R. 1, Sheffield U. 0.

Bolton W. 3, Aston Villa 1.

Cardiff C. 0, Bury 1.

Everton 4, Burnley 1.

Huddersfield T. 3, Leicester C. 1.

Manchester U. 4, Arsenal 1.

Middlesbrough 3, Derby C. 3.

Newcastle U. 1, Portsmouth 3.

Wednesday 0, Sunderland 0.

Tottenham H. 3, Liverpool 1.

Division II.

Blackpool 1, Barnsley 3.

Bristol C. 1, Leeds U. 2.

Chelsea 2, Wolves 0.

Clapton C. 0, Port Vale 1.

Grimsby T. 1, Swansea T. 2.

Notts C. 1, Hull C. 1.

Oldham A. 0, Preston N. E. 0.

Reading 2, Fulham 1.

Southern 1, M. C. 0.

Stoke C. 1, Notts Forest 3.

West Brom. A. 3, S. Shields 0.

Division III. (South).

Brentford 1, Charlton A. 1.

B'mouth and B. A. Watford 0.

Brighton and M. A. 1, Queen's Park R. 3.

Crystal Pal. 2, Merthyr T. 0.

Exeter C. 3, Walsall 0.

Luton T. 2, Bristol R. 0.

Millwall 2, Plymouth A. 0.

Northampton 1, Newport C. 2.

Norwich C. 0, Coventry C. 2.

Torquay U. 1, Gillingham 1.

The matches between Southend United and Swindon Town was postponed on account of snow.

Division III. (North).

Barrow 6, Wigan Boro. 2.

Barnsley 3, Lincoln C. 0.

Chesterfield 2, New Brighton 3.

Durham C. 1, Halifax T. 1.

Nelson 0, Doncaster R. 1.

Rochdale 4, Darlington 1.

Rotherham U. 1, Ashington 1.

Southport 3, Crewe A. 2.

Stockport C. 3, Accrington S. 3.

Tranmere R. 1, Hartlepool U. 2.

Wrexham 1, Bradford C. 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen 2, Motherwell 0.

Celtic 0, Partick T. 0.

Dundee 1, Queen's Park 3.

Dunfermline A. 4, Hibernians 2.

Hamilton A. 3, Falkirk 0.

Hearts 2, Cowdenbeath 3.

Raith R. 2, Clyde 0.

Kilmarnock 1, Rangers 1.

St. Johnstone 6, Airdrieonians 1.

St. Mirren 5, Boness 0. —Referee.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Everton 10 11 0 2 27 25:28

Cardiff 19 8 7 4 36 30:28

Huddersfield 18 9 4 5 43 31:22

Norwich 19 9 2 4 32 24:24

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

HONG KONG TO VISIT SHANGHAI.

INVITATION ACCEPTED.

An invitation has been received by the Hong Kong Football Club, as the governing body of Rugby football in the Colony, to send an Interport team to Shanghai during Chinese New Year.

The invitation has been accepted, subject to confirmation, and provisional arrangements have been made for the side to leave with the Hong Kong Football Association team on the "President Grant" sailing on January 17.

The final decision will depend upon the acceptance forming, in the opinion of a special sub-committee, a combination truly representative of the Colony's resources.

Captain Appointed.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. McTavish, the Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Club, who have already arranged to travel with the soccer team, will presumably have charge of the non-playing arrangements whilst Mr. C. D. Wales has been invited to captain the rugby side.

The present strength of the Rugby Club and the Services in Shanghai will assure several matches of a high standard.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Tottenham 19 9 4 6 37 33:22

Leicester 20 8 6 6 37 34:22

Blackburn 20 7 8 6 27 29:22

Middlesbrough 19 7 6 6 45 41:20

Arsenal 18 7 6 6 37 37:19

West Ham 18 6 7 6 45 45:19

Liverpool 19 9 1 9 35 42:19

Bury 19 9 1 9 35 42:19

March U. 20 8 3 9 34 37:19

Aston Villa 19 7 4 8 38 34:18

Bolton 18 6 5 7 29 26:17

Sunderland 19 6 5 8 35 36:17

Burnley 19 8 1 10 35 46:17

Wednesday 19 7 8 3 34 30:15

Birmingham 19 4 7 8 31 40:15

Sheffield Un. 19 5 5 9 23 38:15

Derby 18 4 5 9 42 47:13

Portsmouth 19 4 5 10 32 61:13

Division II.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Chelsea 19 13 4 2 41 15:30

March City 19 11 3 5 43 31:25

Oldham 19 10 4 5 37 23:24

Preston 19 9 6 4 38 29:24

Leeds Un. 19 10 3 6 46 35:22

Notts For. 19 10 2 7 45 35:22

Bristol C. 19 9 4 6 39 32:22

Port Vale 19 10 2 7 35 28:22

West Brom. 19 8 5 6 43 35:21

Walsall 19 8 5 6 43 35:21

Grimsby 19 7 6 6 36 35:20

Swansea 19 8 5 6 43 40:21

Clapton 19 8 4 7 33 35:20

Hull City 19 6 7 7 20 26:17

Barnsley 19 5 7 7 27 36:17

Notts C. 19 5 6 8 33 38:16

Fulham 19 5 4 10 31 45:14

Southampton 19 4 5 10 27 38:13

Reading 19 4 5 10 28 44:13

Wolves 19 4 4 11 26 44:12

Blackpool 19 4 4 11 31 51:12

S. Shields 19 2 5 12 27 56:9

Handicap Class.

Finishing Time. Corrected Time.

Diana 4:09.51 4:08.26

Colleen 4:23.12 4:16.07

Rolla 4:10.55 4:10.55

Falcon 4:31.34 4:23.04

La Linda 4:20.35 4:14.16 1/2

Argilla H. 4:29.13 4:20.43

Dorothea 4:14.35 4:06.05

G Class.

Gael 4:42.23 4:36.11 1/2

Pierrette 4:37.10 4:33.37 1/2

Viking 4:36.34 4:27.21 1/2

Joan 4:39.04 4:32.41 1/2

Y Class.

Why Wonder 4:33.32 4:33.43

Wings 4:41.05 4:41.05

Bluenose D.N.S.

Boojum 4:38.42 4:33.42

CRICKET.

ANOTHER UNLUCKY DRAW FOR CRAIGENGOWER.

AN IMPORTANT MATCH.

The most interesting match in the cricket league on Saturday, and one which, had a definite decision been arrived at would have had an important bearing on the championship of Division I, was played on the Kowloon C.C. ground when the home team entertained the Indian R.C. "A." The teams were evenly matched and a very close game was seen, the batsmen gaining a marked superiority over the bowlers.

Other fixtures in the senior league resulted much as expected, with the exception of the Indian R.C. "B" and Craigengower C.C. match, the former effecting a lucky draw against a better side "on paper."

In Division II, the University 2nd continued in winning vein, gaining their fourth successive victory on Saturday.

Division I.

KOWLOON C.C. v. I.R.C. "A."

Both teams were in top form but not at full strength when the Kowloon C.C. met the Indian R.C. "A." at Kowloon, the match being left drawn. The home team were without Jex, their wicket-keeper, and the Indians "A" had S. A. R. Ismail on the sick list.

Batting first, the visitors put up the big total of 184 for 3 wickets, declared, to which Kowloon replied with 140 for 5.

Rumjahn played a steady innings for 30, Madar (67) and Curreen (62) batted delightfully, taking the score from 68 to 184 and keeping their wickets intact.

For Kowloon, Brace (31) was in fine form with the bat but it was left to Ramsay to save the game for his side. The latter scored freely for 63 and Bevis collected 19 undefeated scores.

Indian R.C. "A."

A. H. Rumjahn, c. E. C. Fincher, b. Ross 30
S. A. Ismail, c. Lawrence, b. Lyl 6
A. H. Madar, not out 67
S. H. Ismail, b. W. Goodwin 4
J. S. A. Curreen, not out 62
Extras 15

Total (for 3 wks, dec.) 184
F. M. el Arculli, O. Ismail, A. K. Minu, J. S. Acker, A. R. Minu, T. Hamet did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	10	2	41
Lyl	14	1	54
Brace	10	3	23
Ross	4	0	18
Morris	4	0	18
E. F. Fincher	3	0	10

Kowloon C.C.

W. Brace, c. A. R. Minu, b. Madar 31
Madar 67
E. C. Fincher, b. Arculli 17
A. W. Ramsay, c. Curreen 63
Capt. E. W. Morris, c. Rumjahn, b. Curreen 0
F. E. Lawrence, c. O. Ismail, b. Madar 19
Capt. F. G. Bevis, not out 9
Extras 15

Total (for 5 wks.) 140
F. Goodwin, J. C. Lyl, E. F. Fincher, H. T. Buxton, N. H. Ross did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
A. R. Minu	5	2	17
Madar	6	1	24
Curreen	4	0	29
Rumjahn	3	0	16

C.R.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese C.C. drew with the Civil Service C.C., the visitors batting out time with the last pair in and were 16 runs behind.

Yeoh played well for 51 and H. Hung with 33 runs to his credit helped materially to bring the total to 151 for 8 wickets, declared.

Civil Service scored 135 for 9 wickets, thanks to a bright innings for 46 by Hamilton. Strange contributed 32 and Sayer 17.

W. C. Hung was the most successful bowler for his side, getting 5 wickets for 39 runs. Scores:

Chinese R.C.

Ng Sze-kwong, c. Ling, b. Hamilton 51
Hamilton 46
C. Choa, c. Sayer, b. Hamilton 25
W. C. Hung, b. W. C. Hung 25
T. E. Yeoh, c. Grimmitt, b. Sayer 3
Sayer 17
J. L. Youngs, c. Hawkins, b. Sayer 6
H. Hung, b. Hawkins 33
H. C. Hung, c. b. Grimmitt 7
H. C. Hung, st. Holdman, b. Hawkins 7
H. L. Yung, not out 16
Tsu Wai Pui, not out 2
Extras 1

Total (for 8 wks, dec.) 151
Li Hon-chi, did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Ling	9	3	14
Hamilton	10	0	38
Edmonds	3	0	16
Evans	3	1	11
Grimmitt	7	0	22
Sayer	6	0	38
Hawkins	2	0	6

Civil Service C.C.

B. D. Evans, c. Choa, b. W. C. Hung 5
G. R. Sayer, c. Choa, b. W. C. Hung 17
A. E. Wood, b. W. C. Hung 0
H. E. Strange, c. Ng Sze-kwong, b. H. C. Hung 32
A. W. Grimmitt, b. Ng Sze-kwong 14
B. C. K. Hawkins, c. Tsui Wai

Pui, b. Ng Sze-kwong 0
E. W. Hamilton, b. W. C. Hung 46
H. R. Sutherland, c. b. W. C. Hung 6
F. Holdman, c. W. C. Hung, b. H. C. Hung 6
F. J. Ling, not out 1
H. Edmonds, not out 1
Extras 1

Total (for 9 wks.) 135
Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Ng Sze-kwong	6	0	58
W. C. Hung	12	1	39
H. C. Hung	6	1	12
H. C. Hung	4	0	20

UNIVERSITY v. R.A.

On their own ground, in a low scoring match the University defeated the Royal Artillery by 23 runs.

Against a total of 125 compiled by the home team, the Artillery scored 102.

For the winners C. W. Lam made 30 and B. P. Ng 21. Glazebrook captured 3 wickets for 17 runs.

Lt. Wright (23) and Sgt. Leach (19) made a stand for the R.A. but the remaining batsmen failed to come off, with the exception of Br. Britnell who made 16. Rumjahn accounted for 4 wickets, giving away 44 runs whilst Guterres took 3 for 21. Scores:

University.

A. A. Rumjahn, b. Clarke 1
E. A. Lee, c. Fogden, b. Leach 18
S. V. Gittins, b. Leach 19
B. P. Ng, b. W. Wright 21
F. J. Zimmer, b. Clarke 21
J. Barrow, b. Glazebrook 8
C. W. Lam, c. Britnell, b. Glazebrook 30
F. H. Traves, run out 10
D. Laing, run out 2
A. P. Guterres, b. Glazebrook 3
W. H. Sling, not out 16
Extras 16

Total 125
Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Clarke	12	2	50
Leach	5	1	14
Wright	8	0	28
Glazebrook	7	1	17

Royal Artillery.

Br. Hole, b. Rumjahn 4
Sgt. Glazebrook, b. Guterres 3
Lt. Wright, c. Zimmer, b. Rumjahn 23
Sgt. Leach, b. Lee 19
Maj. Scovell, c. Zimmer, b. Rumjahn 19
Mr. G. F. Fogden, b. W. Rumjahn 10
Capt. Howard, b. Lee 3
Lt. Hall, c. Rumjahn, b. Guterres 3
Br. Britnell, c. Gittins 16
Sgt. Jolly, not out 8
Br. Clarke, b. Guterres 8
Extras 16

Total 102
Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Guterres	6	1	21
Rumjahn	10	2	44
Lam	3	0	15
Lee	4	2	3
Gittins	2	0	13

INDIAN R.C. "B" v. C.C.C.

Visiting Sookumpoo, the Craigengower C.C. were unfortunate in having to share the points with the Indian R.C. "B."

Two wickets had fallen for 85 runs for the C.C.C. when Zimmer became associated with Hanson, the score then being brought to 168 when the latter, after getting 53, was caught off Mohammed. Zimmer continued confidently, remaining undefeated with 74 to his credit.

The Indian R.C. "B" did well to effect a draw, M. P. Madar compiling 50 in fine style before being run out. Scores:

Craigengower C.C.

H. P. Lim, b. Suffad 15
A. Kitchell, b. Suffad 15
E. Zimmer, not out 74
A. B. Hanson, c. Sirdar Khan, b. Mohammed 53
S. Abbas, not out 0
Extras 25

Total (for 3 wks, dec.) 182
D. Fritz, N. Mackay, D. Rumjahn, J. Leonard, U. M. Omar, P. Oliver did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Suffad	13	2	35
Sirdar Khan	9	0	47
Madar	5	0	34
A. K. Ismail	2	0	15
Mohammed	3	0	8
Malubhoj	2	0	18

Indian R.C. "B."

M. P. Madar, run out 50
I. Hassan, b. W. C. Hung 6
R. Nazarin, b. Kitchell 20
A. S. Suffad, not out 14
D. Mohammed, not out 19
Extras 0

Total (for 3 wks, dec.) 107
A. K. Ismail, A. Rahman, Sirdar Khan, V. T. Thad, E. M. K. Malubhoj, A. Butt did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Hanson	17	4	21
Oliver	10	4	19
Fritz	3	0	11
Omar	6	4	8
Abbas	4	2	4
Mackay	4	0	19
Kitchell	5	2	25

Division II.

C.S.C.C. 2nd v. UNIVERSITY 2nd.

At Happy Valley, the University 2nd defeated the Civil Service 2nd by 16 runs, the match being decided on the fourth ball of the last over of the day.

University 2nd.

Hill 11
Sparrow 7
Winter 2
Royal Navy 2nd XI.
Lonsdale, b. Alexander 21
Davies, c. Baker, b. King 7
Woodhouse, c. King, b. Baker 19

Kermani gave his side a good start by scoring 59 whilst W. M. Gittins and Osman added 55 and 23 respectively.

Civil Service responded with 153 against their opponents' total of 169, Robertson (65) being top scorer. Hiptoola clean-bowled five batsmen, his final analysis being 6 for 61. Scores:

University 2nd XI.

S. R. Kermani, c. Harper, b. Sara 59
H. T. Barma, run out 7
W. M. Gittins, b. O'Neill 55
W. F. F. Gittins, b. O'Neill 23
M. B. Osman, b. O'Neill 0
K. T. Loke, b. Robertson 0
A. B. Suleiman, c. Gorvin, b. Robertson 5
B. N. Sudan, c. Chittenden, b. O'Neill 5
A. Chan Fook, not out 0
A. Baker, not out 0
Extras 15

Total (for 7 wks, dec.) 169
F. Hiptoola, B. H. Shroter did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Gorvin	9	1	41
Sara	7	0	33
Robertson	5	0	27
O'Neill	4	2	41
O'Neill	4	2	12

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

R. S. W. Paterson, c. Barma, b. Sudan 13
R. R. Davies, c. Chan Fook, b. Barma 26
H. F. Harper, b. Hiptoola 10
W. F. F. Gittins, c. Chan Fook, b. Hiptoola 10
V. H. Chittenden, c. Gittins, b. Chan Fook 0
R. G. Robertson, b. Hiptoola 65
P. J. O'Neill, b. Hiptoola 8
F. H. W. Haynes, c. Chan Fook, b. Baker 14
C. Sara, not out 6
S. E. Alderman, c. Osman, b. Hiptoola 0
E. W. Simmonds, c. Kermani, b. Hiptoola 4
Extras 7

Total 163
Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Sudan	11	2	32
Hiptoola	12	4	61
Chan Fook	3	2	6
Gittins	2	1	13
Barma	2	0	18
Baker	2	0	11
Kermani	2	0	5

ELECTRIC R.C. v. K.C.C. 2nd.

At King's Park, the Electric R.C. went down to the Kowloon C.C. 2nd by six wickets.

For the home team, Stanesby (30) and Murray (11) were the only batsmen to get into double figures. The Rev. Murray and Capt. Drysdale were in good bowling form, taking 5 wickets for 24 and 3 for 10 respectively.

Capt. Drysdale (46) also batted well, being the highest scorer on either side. Scores:

Electric R.C.

C. E. Gahagan, b. Murray 0
W. N. H. Murdoch, b. Murray 9
H. F. Akhurst, b. W. Murray 0
L. de Rome, b. Murray 0
G. Murray, b. Drysdale 11
J. R. Way, b. Murray 0
S. J. Stanesby, c. Morton, b. Drysdale 30
G. G. Thomson, b. Lee 0
T. L. Foster, b. Lee 1
F. Normington, not out 4
Extras 4

Total 102
Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Murray	12	6	24
Lee	8	4	15
Hargreaves-Brown	6	5	7
Drysdale	6	1	3
Drysdale	6	1	3

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI.

Capt. Drysdale, c. Foster, b. Murdoch 46
A. A. Dan, b. Murdoch 35
Rev. Murray, c. Way, b. Musket 21
G. Lee, not out 0
W. Hyde, c. Murray, b. Musket 2
Extras 2

Total (for 4 wks.) 109
E. B. Morton, R. E. Lindsell, A. J. V. Smith, F. Hamblin, O. B. Raven, A. Hargreaves-Brown did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Musket	8	1	39
Gahagan	8	0	19
Normington	2	0	11
Way	5	1	18
Murdoch	4	0	20

P.R.C. v. NAVY 2ND.

At Happy Valley, the Royal Navy 2nd easily defeated the Police R.C. by 6 wickets.

Sparrow, for the Navy, taking six wickets for 30 was chiefly responsible for the small total of 71 put up by the Police R.C.

The Navy knocked out 120, Moore and Wood retiring with 21 and 26 respectively. Scores:

Police R.C.

Dr. J. R. Craig, b. Sparrow 18
W. E. Meadows, b. Hill 0
C. F. Alexander, c. Wood, b. Sparrow 0
T. H. King, c. Wood, b. Hill 0
W. L. E. Sparrow, c. b. Sparrow 0
E. Dyer, b. Sparrow 23
R. Randall, b. Hill 12
R. G. Baker, b. Winter 12
A. E. Reynolds, b. Sparrow 0
B. Thorpe, b. Sparrow 0
D. V. Baker, not out 0
Extras 6

Total 71
Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Hill	11	8	28
Sparrow	7	5	30
Winter	2	0	7

Royal Navy 2nd XI.

Lonsdale, b. Alexander 21
Davies, c. Baker, b. King 7
Woodhouse, c. King, b. Baker 19

Lugg, b. Alexander 5
Tighe, b. Baker 13
Moore, retired 21
Hill, c. Reynolds, b. Alexander 28
Burroughs, c. Alexander, b. Baker 8
Wood, retired 29
Winter, not out 11
Sparrow, c. b. Sparrow 35
Extras 1

Total 120
Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Alexander	13	2	35
King	9	1	36
Baker	7	1	33
Dyer	3	0	14
Sparrow	7	0	2

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:

Division I.

Craigengower C.C. 4 2 2 0 8
Indian R.C. "A" 3 2 1 0 7
University 2 2 0 0 6
Royal Navy 3 1 2 0 5
Chinese R.C. 5 1 2 2 5
Civil Service C.C. 3 1 1 1 4
Kowloon C.C. 1 0 1 0 1
Indian R.C. "B" 4 0 1 3 1
Royal Artillery 3 0 0 3 0

Division II.

University 2nd 4 4 0 0 12
Club de Recreo 4 3 0 1 9
R.A.O.C. 4 3 0 1 9
Royal Navy 2nd 3 2 0 1 6
Kowloon C.C. 2nd 3 1 1 1 4
Civil Service C.C. 3 1 0 2 3
Electric R.C. 3 1 0 2 3
Police R.C. 5 1 0 4 3
"Tamar" 2 0 2 0 2
Royal Engineers 2 0 2 0 2

The match between the Civil Service 2nd and the Police R.C. which was played on December 3 and reported as a league fixture should have been a "friendly." The Division II table has been amended accordingly. The league match between these teams will be played on February 11.

Friendly Matches.

H.K.C.C. 2nd v. RECREO.

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd drew with the Club de Recreo, the result being in favour of the home team.

Consistent scoring on the part of the H.K.C.C. was responsible for their large total of 189 for six wickets, declared. Armstrong getting 47, Tait 33 and Summers 31 not out.

The Club de Recreo had made 87 for seven wickets when stumps were drawn. Scores:

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

H. J. Armstrong, b. Silva 47
G. E. Richard, c. Sousa, b. G. P. Lamont, b. Reed 47
J. Hall, b. Alves 12
R. A. Green, b. Alves 26
W. K. Tait, c. Alves, b. Xavier 33
J. A. Summers, not out 31
J. F. Robinson, not out 17
Extras 17

Total (for 6 wks, dec.) 189
E. R. West, W. B. Cornaby, H. Griffin did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Sousa	7	0	33
Reed	5	0	32
Alves	6	0	31
Pinna	10	0	31
Xavier	9	3	31
Silva	2	0	9

Club de Recreo.

R. C. Reed, b. Summers 21
H. M. Xavier, b. Griffin 16
L. J. Guterres, not out 15
H. Alves, c. Tait, b. Griffin 3

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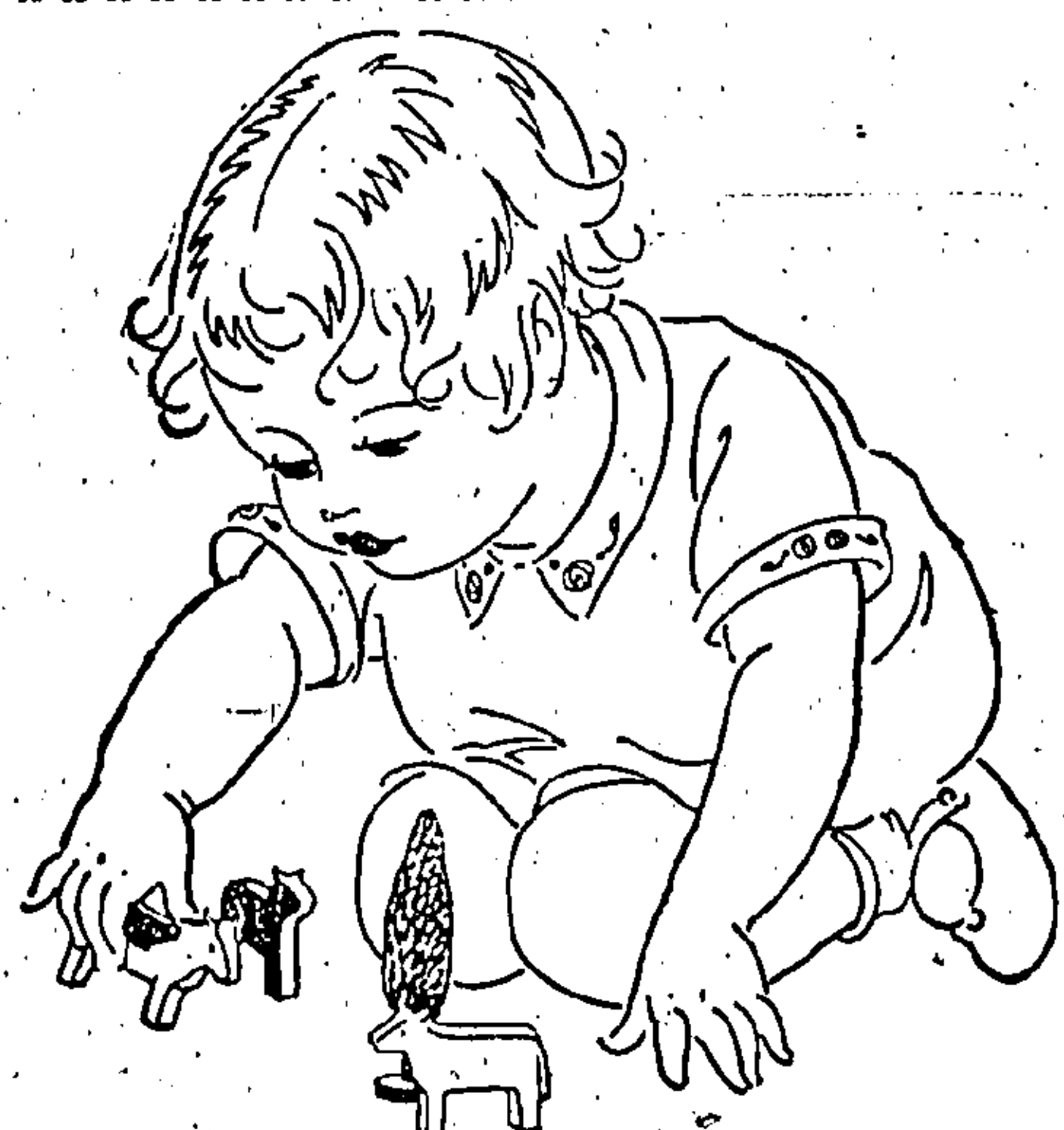
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KOWLOON BORDER.
COMMUNIST NEAR BRITISH FRONTIER.
"RED" PLOT FAILS.

Samchun, the border town just outside of the British frontier of the New Territories, narrowly escaped a fate familiar to that which Canton suffered at the hands of the Communists last week.

Only a mile or so beyond the border, this thriving market town has been denuded of troops ever since the Ironsides launched their coup last month to overthrow the Kwangsi military faction and establish themselves as the ruling power of Canton.

To guard their home fires, the Ironsides had withdrawn the frontier garrison. A handful of railway guards are at Samchun—it being the terminus of the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway—but the duty of preserving order had devolved on the Merchant Militia (or volunteers), a semi-official body of guards popularly known as the "Man Tuen."

Not a Shot Fired. The "Man Tuen" had received intelligence that a body of Reds, inspired by the extremist Peasant Corps, were plotting. The final word was that the plot would be set in movement on Saturday when Samchun was to be raided on lines similar to those adopted at Canton.

Fortunately, the "Man Tuen" were on the qui vive. Before they got to within a few hundred yards of Samchun, the Red invaders saw the place closely guarded and immediately stole off without even making a bid.

Not a shot had to be fired. Refusing to be drawn away, the volunteers stuck to their ground.

Hong Kong Police View. It is not known where the Reds came from but a local report is that they comprised the bad characters of the neighbourhood, with a few former pickets who served at Samchun during the strike acting as officers, and two professional agitators from Canton in command.

Confidence is felt that the militia will be able to keep the Reds out. Trains are running without hindrance.

On inquiry from Police circles, the "China Mail" gathered that no reinforcements had been sent to the border station of Lok-machau and it is accordingly presumed that the Communist plot is not of much significance.

KONGMOON FEARS.

Red Farmers Tear Up the Railway.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Friday. Uneasiness felt here over de-

velopments in Canton, and the possibility of Kongmoon being affected, was increased by the strike of the seamen on board the steamboats.

Residents had to seek shelter at night but the timely arrival of a brigade of the 2nd division under Lt-General Hsieh Yo restored peace of mind. Two companies came to Pakkai, the port of Kongmoon. Strategic points are guarded day and night.

Subsequently, more troops of the 2nd division arrived but they are moving on elsewhere as a gunboat stood by, waiting for their departure on a fleet of commandeered junks.

Thirty Communists Shot. News was received that there has been a conflict between the pro-Communist Peasant Corps and the pro-Moderate Merchant Militia at several places up-country.

The Reds tore up a part of the Sunning Railway but the damage was immediately repaired.

About thirty men suspected of being in intrigue with the Communists are believed to have been shot at Kongmoon.

Seamen's Posters. More troops arrived from up-country on Saturday, these units marching in response to Canton's frantic summonses for reinforcements. They left immediately for Canton.

Posters have appeared on the walls of the Customs compound, asking the Police and the military to support the seamen in their strike—in obedience to orders from Canton agitators—against the owners in Hong Kong.

Merchant Released. Mr. Chan Yuk-tong, chairman of the Kongmoon Chamber of Commerce, has been released by the new Mayor appointed by the Canton Ironsides.

Mr. Chan was imprisoned by the former Mayor for protesting against the Police assessment of the rent tax. At present 10 per cent. is levied on rent, the landlord and the tenant each paying half.

Disputes have cropped up in cases where property is used by the owners. For instance, the Kongmoon Hotel is paying only 60 cents a month. Mr. Chan staunchly opposed the Police valuations and was imprisoned for taking up such an attitude.

Papersides Arrive. Tow-boats have resumed the run to Canton and normal conditions one being restored, but so far only the s.s. "Anjou" has come from Hong Kong.

The Papersides have arrived here and taken over the garrison duties from the 2nd division, all men of which have gone back to Canton.—Our own correspondent.

DIOCESAN GIRLS.
BUILDING FUND SALE.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

The Diocesan Girls' School, Jordan Road, Kowloon, was on fete on Saturday afternoon when past and present students of the school held a sale in aid of the School Building Fund.

There was a good attendance at the fair, mostly children and young folks, and as there were attractions for all, every one had a very enjoyable time.

There was a tea dance during the afternoon to music supplied by the now popular "Antidotes," who are always willing to render assistance at affairs of this kind, and many couples enjoyed a "whirl" around to snappy jazz tunes played in the "Antidotes'" appealing way.

Stalls there were many, all laden with fine goods well worth the money one spent at the fair.

There was one stall called the "school work stall" in which were offered for sale the handwork of the students from Class I to Class VI. In addition, each class ran a stall of its own as follows:—

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Class III—The fruit stall, with all the tempting fruits in season.

Class IV—The miscellaneous stall.

Class V—The Chinese stall.

Class VI—The sweet stall.

The Diocesan Old Girls' Association ran a fancy stall of its own and in addition handed some of the competitions, which included shying rubber balls for toys, candies, etc.

During the afternoon there was also a Maypole game in which the younger students of the school took part.

Mrs. Laard.

The sale was opened by Mrs. C. G. Laard, wife of H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Forces, who in a happy little speech thanked the school for asking her to open the sale. She said that it afforded her great pleasure to perform the ceremony, the first of its nature that she had done here. She went on to refer to the work of the Diocesan Girls' School, and said that during a former visit to the school she was struck with the system of management of the school which made it possible for the students to appear happy in spite of the fact that the examination was near, as then was the case. Mrs. Laard concluded by wishing every success to the sale, and was then conducted by Miss Sawyer, Head Mistress of the School, on a round of inspection of the stalls and other attractions.

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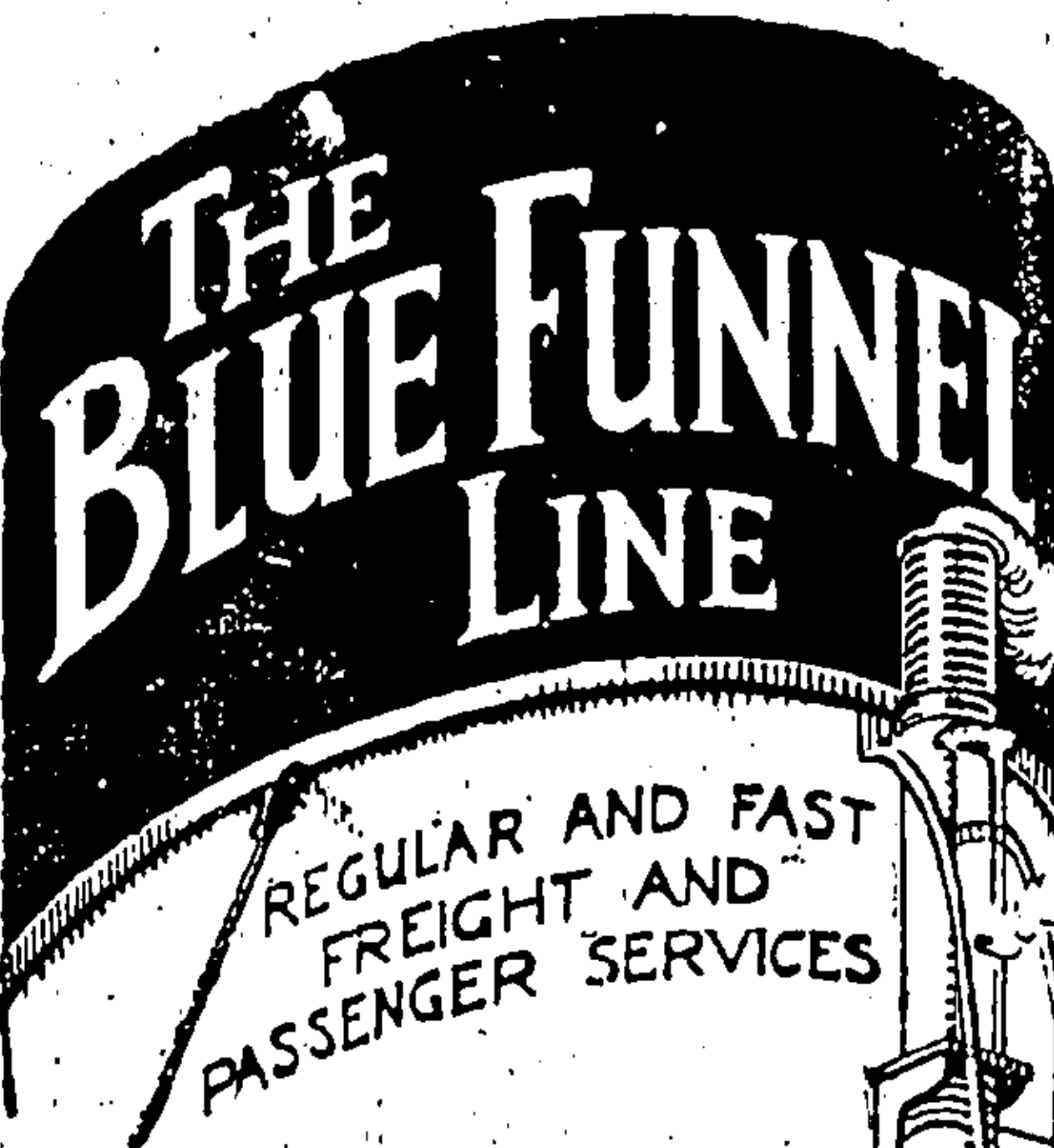
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*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

ALL GO DOWN.

Destroyer Rams U. S. Submarine.

FORTY LIVES LOST.

Large Ship Has No Time To Alter Course.

Province Town, Saturday.
The United States submarine S.4 has been rammed and sunk by the coastguard destroyer "Paulding" off Woodend.
The S.4 carried four officers and 35 men and was attached to the New London Submarine Base.
Eye-witnesses say that the "Paulding" was entering the harbour about sunset when the submarine suddenly came to the surface dead ahead of the destroyer, which had no time to change her course.

The vessels crashed and the submarine disappeared.
The "Paulding" reached the harbour with her lower hold flooded and will probably have to be beached to prevent her sinking.
The S.4 was of the same class as the S.51 which sank off Block Island in September 1925.

None Saved.

Washington, Yesterday.
The Navy Department announces that none of the crew of 40 have been rescued from submarine S.4—Reuter's American Service.

Answering Taps.

Province Town, Yesterday.
A diver tapped with a hammer on the side of the sunken submarine and heard answering taps.
Another indication that life still exists in S.4 comes from submarine S.8 which is in the neighbourhood of the entombed crew. It believes that it got replies to her submarine signals.—Reuter's American Service.

Internal Rappings?

Province Town, Yesterday.
Divers are already exploring where the S.4 sunk. One reports that he heard rappings inside the submarine as if somebody was signalling.—Reuter.

Six Men Found Alive.

Province Town, Yesterday.
The Navy Department announces that six men have been found alive in the torpedo room of S.4, into which air is being pumped. Divers and the entombed have established communication by means of hammer knocks.—Reuter's American Service.

TRIBAL OUTRAGE.

HOW BRITISH OFFICIAL DIED.

AEROPLANE PATROL.

Khartoum, Saturday.
A punitive expedition is leaving here to avenge the murder of Captain Ferguson.
A patrol with aeroplane is proceeding to the Upper Nile province where a witch doctor is stirring up the Nuer.

Khartoum, Saturday.
In addition to Captain Ferguson and the Greek merchant Panlato-poulos, Arab merchants and several servants and carriers were killed.
Capt. Ferguson had travelled to meet the Nuer chiefs' followers at a post 400 yards inland and was discussing business with Panlato-poulos when a youthful Nuer threw a spear at him.

The weapon barely broke the skin, and Ferguson promptly hurled it back, but the weapon went wide. The attack, however, was signalled and in a general assault the Nuer fell on him and stabbed him to death. Panlato-poulos was killed as he rushed to Ferguson's rescue.
The carriers who managed to escape fled to the steamer pursued by the Nuer. The latter were held at bay by the engineer who fired a shotgun from the deck while the sailors cut the mooring ropes.

CAPT. LALOR.

FOOT AMPUTATED AT HANKOW.

Hankow, Saturday.
Captain Lalor arrived here yesterday aboard H.M.S. "Boe." He went into hospital to have his right foot amputated above the ankle as the result of gangrene from his wound.
The operation has been completely successful and Captain Lalor is doing well.—Reuter.

NOTE TO CHINA.

Nationalists Repudiated By Soviet.

NOT HARBOURING "REDS."

Shanghai Russian Consulate Preparing To Leave.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A Note from M. Chicherin, addressed to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs of Kiangsu, was handed to Mr. Quo Tai-chi yesterday afternoon by the Soviet Consul-General.

It points out, firstly, that the Soviet Government never recognised the so-called Nationalist Government of Nanking and that all the U.S.S.R. Consulates in China exist in consequence of the 1924 Treaty between Russia and Peking.
All Consular appointments in China are made with the knowledge and consent of the Peking Government and therefore cancellation of recognition of Soviet Consuls can only mean that the Generals who seized powers at Nanking are acting under imperialist pressure.

Not Responsible.

Secondly, the Soviet energetically repudiates the statement contained in the Nanking Note of the 15th inst., that the Soviet Consulates commercial agencies are responsible for "Red" propaganda and have been the asylum for Communists, especially alleging that the Consulate of Canton was guiding the revolutionary movement of the Peasants and Workers in Kwangtung.

Thirdly, the Soviet Government are convinced that the attitude of the Chinese authorities in Shanghai will be more harmful firstly to the Chinese people are the Nationalist interests in China, while the people who so lightly start a hostile policy against the U.S.S.R. will first feel the harm thereof.
M. Kovlovsky and his staff are preparing to leave on the 22nd inst. by a Russian steamer for Vladivostok.—Reuter.

Hankow Measures.

Hankow, Yesterday.
The suggestion that the Soviet sympathisers might migrate to the French Concession has been shattered by the fact that the French policy has been instructed to inform all the Russians employed in Soviet establishments that they must leave the concession, the individual time-limit being fixed at the discretion of the police who, meanwhile, are picketing Soviet residences.

Consulate Staff Departed.
Fifteen members of the Soviet Consulate staff, including the Consul-General, M. Plitsche, were deported this morning. They went aboard at Shanghai, the steamer "Fulung" for Shanghai en route to Vladivostok.

Most of those arrested yesterday have been released, sixty being detained for further investigation.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S VIEWS.

Effect of Nationalist-Soviet Rupture.

Tokyo, Saturday.
The newspapers are very interested in the Chinese Nationalists' rupture with the Soviet.
The "Chugai" considers that this helps to confirm that the Soviet policy to reduce the world has failed, but fears, however, that the Soviet—balked in China—may seek more fertile soil. Therefore it warns Japan to be on guard.

The Press and public generally consider it a serious blow to the Soviet. Opinion is that Moscow can only "cry herself to sleep" as military action will serve no useful purpose while a protest to Peking is impracticable as the Soviet is not recognised there.—Reuter.

SOVIER DISPUTES.

TROTSKY SUPPORTERS EXPELLED.

Moscow, Yesterday.
The Communist Congress is resolved upon expelling 75 active ringleaders of the Trotskyist opposition from the party including Kamenoff, Rakovsky, Smilga, Smirnov and Radek, and also the entire membership of the so-called Saporonoff group, numbering 23.—Reuter.

1916 PROMISE.

United States and Philippines.

RETENTION OF ISLANDS.

"No Great National Interest Served."

Boston, Nov. 28.
Philippine independence and more regular relations with Russia were advocated by Manley O. Hudson, Bemis professor of international law at Harvard, in an address before the Boston branch of the Foreign Policy Association on "Storm Centres in World Politics." Professor Hudson recently returned from a year of travel and study of Europe, Africa and the Near East and Far East.

"I think that one visiting the Philippines for the first time is struck by the fact that Americans have such a small part in the Government," he said. "It is mainly a Filipino Government, but the politically-minded people there seems to want it to be wholly so. They talk a great deal about our promise of independence as soon as they had established a stable government."

"I was somehow not as much impressed as I feel that I ought to have been with the superiority of American officials in the islands over Filipino officials. Among them in public life there I met several Filipinos who, judged by the public men I have seen at international conferences during the last 10 years, would do credit to almost any country, who would compare favourably with some of our Congressmen."

"Nor can I see any great national interest which is served by our retention of the islands. Some people talk about our prestige in the Pacific as if it came from our possession of the Philippines. But the main factor in our decision will be, I fear, the business interests of a small number of Americans who will oppose our living up to our promise of 1916. And as things are going now, I have little doubt that the small number of Americans will win and the Filipinos will lose."—United Press.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

FRESH OKLAHOMA TROUBLE.

Oklahoma City, Saturday.
The Investigation Committee of the Legislature has added the charge of "moral turpitude" to the charges of incompetence and corruption against Governor Johnston.

After considering his relations with his confidential secretary, Mrs. Hammonds, the Committee met at an hotel as State troops barred the entrance to Parliament.

The Governor mobilised the National Guard to prevent the session of the Legislature until the Courts had decided on the legality of the various aspects of the enquiry.—Reuter's American Service.

SOVIET PRISONERS.

RED CROSS TAKES UP COMPLAINT.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The International Committee of the Red Cross, in a statement, say they have received several demands, with circumstantial documents, relating to Georgia, regarding the treatment to which prisoners are allegedly subjected by the Soviet Russian Prisons' Committee. While not desiring to interfere in political questions they feel that it is their duty to do their utmost to relieve the unfortunates.—Reuter.

COLD CHRISTMAS.

FROST AND SNOW FOR A TYPICAL YULETIDE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Cold weather of unusual severity prevails throughout the British Isles. Nineteen degrees of frost were registered in London last evening. There have been falls of snow in many districts.
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